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ABBREVIATIONS

ADC	Andean Development Corporation
CDCC	Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee
CEGAN	Committee of High-level Government Experts
CLADES	Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ILO	International Labour Organisation
ILPES	Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JUNAC	Board of the Cartagena Agreement
LAIA	Latin American Integration Association
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OLADE	Latin American Energy Organization
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PREALC	Regional Employment Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean
SELA	Latin American Economic System
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNSTAT	United Nations Statistical Division
UNU	United Nations University
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

This thirty-eighth report of the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean covers the period from 28 April 1994 to 20 April 1996. It includes the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, held at San José, Costa Rica from 15 to 20 April 1996.

I. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

A. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

At its twenty-sixth session, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean received an invitation from the Government of Aruba to hold its twenty-seventh session at Aruba, in 1998. On 20 April, the Commission adopted resolution 562(XXVI), in which it accepted that invitation and recommended to the Economic and Social Council that it approve the holding of the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC in Aruba in 1998.

B. ISSUES BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

At its twenty-sixth session, held from 15 to 20 April 1996, the Commission adopted three resolutions of particular interest to the Economic and Social Council.

In its resolution 561(XXVI), "Admission of Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC", the Commission admitted Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC.

In resolution 552(XXVI), "Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean", the Commission welcomed the document prepared by the ECLAC secretariat entitled "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics", which it considered a "meaningful frame of reference for an assessment of the process of economic transformation and for developing suggestions for Governments on how to strengthen development". In the resolution the Commission reaffirmed the importance of supporting productive modernization processes in small and medium-sized enterprises by improving their access to financing, and urged the secretariat to pay particular attention in its further work to the special situation and needs of the smaller economies of the region.

In resolution 553(XXVI), "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC", the Commission affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC was especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in the framework of a restructured United Nations. ECLAC should therefore function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination. The Commission recommended further that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, and decided to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries and empowered to define priorities for the programme of work and to recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities. The ad hoc working group was also entrusted with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

Other resolutions adopted by ECLAC at its twenty-sixth session

At the same meeting, the Commission adopted resolutions on the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (resolution 554(XXVI)) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (resolution 555(XXVI)). It also adopted resolutions on the programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 1998-1999 (resolution 559(XXVI)), the calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998 (resolution 557(XXVI)), the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (resolution 556(XXVI)), the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (resolution 558(XXVI)), and technical cooperation among developing countries and regions (resolution 560(XXVI)).

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

Introduction

This report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) covers the two-year period since the last session of the Commission, held in April 1994. The report outlines the activities carried out under the programme of work of the ECLAC system, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CLADES). Its format consists of three main parts and two annexes.

Part A covers the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees, namely, the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN), the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning and the Inter-Agency Commission on Implementation of the Decisions of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee. The report briefly describes the activities carried out by each entity and the decisions and agreements adopted.

Also included in part A are summaries of the most salient aspects of the third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); the ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean; the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning; the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning; and the Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas.

Part B summarizes the activities implemented under the secretariat's programme of work; section 1 covers the activities of substantive programmes, while section 2 describes those of activities in support of the substantive programmes.

The report on substantive programmes basically conforms to the new programming structure introduced in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997; this format facilitates comparison with the programme budget for the 1996-1997 biennium and the draft programme of work for the 1998-1999 biennium, which ECLAC will consider during its twenty-sixth session.

Section 1 of this part of the report opens with a discussion of the multidisciplinary activities carried out jointly by the substantive units of ECLAC. These took the form of the preparation of documents for the meetings of the Commission, emphasizing the secretariat's comprehensive approach to the choices and factors that determine the economic and social development of the countries of the region. Next, the report describes the work published in CEPAL Review and reports on activities carried out under the

14 substantive subprogrammes. It concludes with a summary of the work of ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations.

The information provided on each subprogramme consists of an introductory descriptive summary outlining the general scope and most salient aspects of the work performed, followed by a detailed list of the resulting outputs, divided into four categories: i) documents; ii) meetings, seminars and conferences; iii) technical cooperation; and iv) training and fellowships.

Each of these categories includes a number of subdivisions. The first category is subdivided into ECLAC publications, books published under publishing agreements and articles distributed through outside publications. Meetings, seminars and conferences are subdivided into those organized under the corresponding subprogramme and those sponsored or convened by other institutions, at which the Commission has only a participant. Lastly, technical cooperation activities are broken down by recipient agency and country.

Section 2 of part B summarizes the main support activities carried out by the Programme Planning and Operations Division —which is in charge of technical cooperation— and by the Documents and Publications Division, the Library, the Computer Centre, the Information Services Unit and the Conference Services Unit.

Part C summarizes the Commission's ongoing cooperation, coordination and consultation activities with specialized agencies and other organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, during the period covered by this report.

Annex 1 presents a list of the technical cooperation projects carried out during the biennium, indicating each project's starting date, completion date and sources of extra budgetary financing. Lastly, annex 2 enumerates, in chronological order, the meetings organized by the ECLAC system, including the venue and date of each meeting and the subprogramme under which it was held.

A. ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee of High-level Government Experts

The nineteenth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) was held at Santiago, Chile, from 1 to 4 March 1994.

In preparation for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission, scheduled to be held one month later, in April 1994, CEGAN focused its attention on some of the substantive issues due to be addressed at the session, namely, economic integration, linkages with the global economy and changing production patterns with social equity, the World Summit for Social Development, and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development.

The secretariat submitted two working documents to the Committee: Open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic integration as a contribution to changing production patterns with social equity (LC/L.808(CEG.19/3)) and Latin America and the Caribbean: policies to improve linkages with the global economy (LC/L.809(CEG.19/4)).

Both documents were well received by the participants and gave rise to an interesting exchange of views. It was felt that the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC would provide a suitable opportunity for more in-depth analysis of those topics.

In relation to the World Conference for Social Development, a document was submitted entitled The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean (Note by the secretariat) (LC/L.810(CEG.19/5)). Delegates requested the secretariat to prepare a text which would serve as the basis for the deliberations scheduled to take place during the technical stage of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

A working group was formed for the purposes of studying the preliminary draft of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in consultation with member and associate member States and in accordance with guidelines set out by the Presiding Officers of CEGAN. After extensive deliberation, the working group adopted the draft, to be submitted for consideration to the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

Fifteenth session of the Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee

The Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee (CDCC) held its fifteenth session in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 26 to 29 July 1994. The technical stage took place on 26 and 27 July 1994 and the ministerial stage on 28 and 29 July 1994.

Among the important topics addressed during the session was the issue of economic cooperation and development among member countries of the CDCC, particularly in relation to new regional cooperation arrangements. The Committee also reviewed the ECLAC/CDCC programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 and the programmes for the bienniums 1994-1995 and 1996-1997. Other items on the agenda were updates on preparations for United Nations conferences, review of the situation in Haiti and reports by the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology and the Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries.

The Committee adopted four resolutions at its fifteenth session. In resolution 41(XV) it reaffirmed its strong commitment to promote multilingualism in the Caribbean (Res.28(XII)) and endorsed the ECLAC/CDCC project as elaborated in the document entitled "Removal of language barriers in the Caribbean". In resolution 42(XV) the Committee requested the CDCC secretariat, in collaboration with the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), to make an evaluation of the work of CCST during the last 10 years and make a revision of its mission, objectives, functions and structure. In resolution 43(XV) the Committee endorsed the need for continued humanitarian support by the international community for Haiti and requested the secretariat to facilitate the implementation of this resolution. Finally, in resolution 44(XV) the Committee noted with satisfaction the inclusion of provisions recognizing the observer status of CDCC associate members and requested the support of CDCC member States at the General Assembly and ECOSOC levels for provisions enabling associate members to participate in an observer capacity at United Nations world conferences.

A full report of the meeting and the resolutions adopted appear in the report of the fifteenth session of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.433 of 30 November 1994). The meeting discussed the activities of the CDCC during the past year and approved the programme of work for the 1995-1998 biennium.

Sixteenth session of the Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee

The sixteenth session of CDCC was scheduled to be held from 5 to 8 February 1996 in St. John's, Antigua. In addition to the statutory review of the implementation of the work programme of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean located in Port of Spain, the agenda included a review of the activities at the Caribbean level in relation to the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. A report was prepared on the preparatory activities carried out by the subregional headquarters, and recommendations were solicited from member states on future follow-up activities.

At its sixteenth session, the Committee was also to focus on the issues of economic cooperation and development, particularly the participation of Caribbean countries in such free trade schemes as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the significance of the World Trade Organization, GATT and other measures designed to promote trade liberalization.

Member States were asked to look at the question of Caribbean integration as a means of promoting development and in particular at the issue of how to reconcile subregional efforts with those on a wider level.

Issues affecting the small island developing states and the potential participation of Anguilla and the Turks and Caicos Islands in the future activities of CDCC, were also due to receive attention at the sixteenth session.

Third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean was held at Quito, Ecuador, from 16 to 18 November 1994. The meeting was divided into a technical stage, on 16 November, and a ministerial stage, on 17 and 18 November (see document LC/R.1470).

The work of the technical stage was allocated to three simultaneous working groups which studied the work carried out since the previous ministerial meeting in the following areas: human settlements management (Group One); finance, technology and standardization (Group Two); and preparatory activities for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Group Three).

Participants in the ministerial stage heard reports on the conclusions reached by the working groups in the technical stage, on the preparatory activities for the World Summit for Social Development and on the plans and programmes of various intergovernmental, multilateral, governmental, labour and other organizations. The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements gave a presentation on the objectives of Habitat II and the preparatory activities for the conference.

At the end of the meeting the Quito Declaration was adopted. The Declaration reaffirmed the political will to support Habitat II and to promote its preparatory process, pursuing a common position for the region; requested that subject areas on cities, human settlements, housing and basic and social infrastructure be included in the working programme and conclusions of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State; and created an open Coordinating Committee of Ministers and High-level Authorities formed by Colombia, Chile and Ecuador, in order to establish a permanent framework on the priority areas of the sector and to guide the work of the Technical Secretariat.

Eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, on 30 June and 1 July 1994 (see document LC/L.863(MDM.18/2)).

The meeting examined the documentation and agenda for the sixth session of the Regional Conference and was told of the national reports received to date by the secretariat for editing and incorporation into the report to be presented at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Mar del Plata, Argentina, on 24 September 1994 (see document LC/L.876(MDM.19/1)).

The Presiding Officers reviewed the agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Regional Conference and recommended that a resolution on their functions, especially with regard to follow-up activities for the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, should be considered by the Conference.

Sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held at Mar del Plata from 25 to 29 September 1994. It was convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC pursuant to ECLAC resolution 537(XXV). The aims of the Conference were to assess the situation of women in the region since the fifth session of the Regional Conference (Curaçao, 1991), to serve as the regional meeting preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women at Beijing in September 1995 and to adopt the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (see document LC/G.1850(CRM.6/7)). The Conference therefore analysed the situation of women during the 1990s, on the basis of documentation prepared by the secretariat and of national reports submitted by the majority of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. An open-ended working group produced the definitive version of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001.

The Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, which was adopted by the countries members of ECLAC, focuses on eight priority areas: i) gender equity; ii) economic and social development with a gender perspective: women's equitable share in the decisions, responsibilities and benefits of development; iii) elimination of poverty; iv) women's equitable participation in decision-making and in the exercise of power in public and private life; v) human rights, peace and violence; vi) shared family responsibilities; vii) recognition of cultural plurality in the region; and viii) international support and cooperation.

The Regional Programme of Action is a minimum set of measures on which consensus has been reached. It is conceived in systemic terms: that is to say, the strategies are assumed to complement one another and should be implemented in a coordinated fashion if they are to yield the desired results. The objective of the Programme is to contribute to improvement of the situation of all women in the region, irrespective of age. It recognizes the differences which exist between women and pays special attention to those living in rural areas, to minorities and to those who are particularly disadvantaged, such as migrants and other uprooted women.

The Presiding Officers elected by the Conference were representatives of Argentina (Chairperson), Netherlands Antilles, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras and Uruguay (Vice-Chairpersons) and Mexico (Rapporteur).

Twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Santiago, Chile, from 16 to 18 November 1994. It was open to all States members of ECLAC (see document LC/L.872(MDM.20/3)). Representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of international organizations such as the Non-Governmental Forum on Women-Beijing '95 also attended.

Twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Santiago, Chile, on 3 and 4 July 1995. Since it was to be the last meeting before the Fourth World Conference on Women, all States members and associate members of ECLAC were invited, in order to facilitate an exchange of information (see document LC/L.904(MDM.21/3)).

The Presiding Officers analysed the draft Platform for Action in the light of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, reviewed the regional and national preparations, and reached agreements designed to assist the countries of the region to participate in the world conference.

Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

An extraordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE) was held at ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico on 10 March 1995. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange opinions and consider the future of Central American integration, in the context of adjustment processes, the commitments made at the Summit of the Americas, and the many sets of negotiation currently in progress. The finance ministers of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua took part, while ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat. This was the first formal session of this consultative and deliberative forum after a long recess.

At the end of the meeting, the ministers agreed to request ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico, as Technical Secretariat of the Committee, to expand and intensify its activities, within the general framework of its regular programme of work, in the following areas: a) analysis of effective protection, in the light of the new objectives for economic integration; b) formulation of proposals for Central American integration in the framework of open regionalism; and c) stimulation and management of productive investment in Central America. They also requested that an ordinary meeting of the Committee should be convened as soon as possible.

Eleventh ordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

Pursuant to the mandate received from the extraordinary meeting of the Committee, held at Mexico City in March 1995, ECLAC convened the eleventh ordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee. This was held at Antigua, Guatemala, on 28 and 29 September 1995, and was attended by authorities and government officials from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama. The Secretary-General and officials of the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the Secretary-General of the Central American Monetary Council and the Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Guatemala also attended. ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico described the activities carried out in accordance with the request made at the extraordinary meeting and the results in the following areas were analysed: a) integration in Central America, b) open regionalism and effective protection and c) financing investment and growth.

The Ministers agreed to maintain the continuity of the forum and requested ECLAC to continue with the work it was doing in the areas mentioned, together with measures relating to the full incorporation of Panama into the process of Central American integration. Thus it was decided to concentrate on studies of effective protection which would be based on tariff change simulations, to continue monitoring the formal and effective process of integration, to provide governments with up-to-date information on the terms of reference for assessment of institutional structure, and to broaden cooperation and coordination of activities with SIECA.

Lastly, ECLAC was instructed to convene an ordinary meeting of the Committee during 1996, preferably to coincide with the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC.

Ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean

The ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Mexico City from 20 to 22 July 1994. It was organized jointly by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, and was attended by representatives of 24 countries and special guests. Presiding at the opening ceremony was the President of Mexico, Mr. Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

At the end of the Conference, which was devoted to analysis of State reform and modernization, the participants agreed by consensus to promote activities related to the process of State reform and modernization in the region (see "State reform and modernization" (LC/IP/R.144)).

Tenth meeting of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning

The tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning was held in Mexico City on 21 and 22 July 1994. It approved the report of activities in 1992-1993, the outline of the work programme for 1994-1998 and the report on the financial situation (1993-1995) and reiterated its support for the regular system of government contributions.

The Council requested ILPES, inter alia, to promote the exchange of experiences on the processes of State modernization, particularly as regards privatization; support systems for presidential management; management of integration processes; the use of communications and computer technology in the strategic management of the State; mechanisms for the integration of planning and budget; and the relations between strategic management, structural reforms and public policies. The Council also recommended increasing the capacity of ILPES to cooperate with Governments on the development of a regional position on economic and social transformations and their link with the processes of State reform and modernization; strengthening links with Governments, universities and academic centres; supporting post-graduate studies in areas related to the new profile of activities; and promoting research and the exchange of information on institutional reforms in economic as well as social and political areas. The Council requested ILPES to submit the financing requirements for the execution of these activities to the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers.

In its resolution CRP/X/03, the Council expressed its satisfaction at the admission of Spain to the Regional Council for Planning and decided to add another Presiding Officer, so that countries outside the region might also be represented; the office would be held by Spain until the next elections. The Council also accepted the offer of Venezuela to host the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, to be held during the second half of 1995.

Seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning

The seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning was held at Caracas, Venezuela, on 28 and 29 August 1995. The central theme of the meeting was "The public decision-making process: assessing impact and attaining consensus" (document LC/IP/R.158). The report of the Institute's activities during 1994 and the proposed work programme for 1996 (document LC/IP/R.157) were also considered. The financial situation of ILPES during 1994-1996 was analysed. The meeting adopted several resolutions on these matters and one resolution supporting resumption of the publication of the Boletín del Instituto. Publication resumed at the end of September 1995 (document LC/IP/G.92).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) was held at ECLAC headquarters from 13 to 17 November 1995 in order to analyse the trends in human settlements in the region in the past few decades and to adopt a common position before the Conference to be held at Istanbul in June 1996. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Chile. Delegations from 30 States members of ECLAC, headed by ministers, deputy ministers and authorities responsible for housing and urban development, attended the technical stage, which was held during the first two days, and the ministerial stage, which brought the meeting to a close. An associate member State, United Nations organizations, international and non-governmental organizations and special guests also participated.

During the technical stage, on the basis of the document entitled "Human settlements: the shelter of development", prepared by ECLAC, proposals were made which were then consolidated during the ministerial stage into the Regional Plan of Action on Human Settlements. In recognition of the need to give political priority to human settlements, the plan puts forward a series of measures prioritizing the achievement of equity and the fight against poverty in settlements. Great importance is also attached to improving productivity, protecting the environment in human settlements, ensuring the governability of cities and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of instruments of urban and housing management.

In the framework of the regional meeting preparatory to Habitat II, the fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector of Latin America and the Caribbean was held on 16 and 17 November. The meeting was opened by the Ecuadorian Minister of Urban Development and Housing in his capacity as Interim Secretary of the Meeting. Note was taken of the progress made to date in tasks which at previous meetings had been assigned to technical teams in various countries in areas such as sectoral statistics, institutional structure, financing of housing and urban services, land management, and housing technology and production. In view of the growing importance of certain topics relating to human settlements, it was agreed to initiate new activities connected with, inter alia, housing subsidies, decentralization, urban poverty and monitoring of housing policies. The ministers and high-level authorities agreed to hold their fifth Regional Meeting in November 1996 in Kingston, Jamaica.

Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters

The first Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 11 to 14 October 1994 (see document LC/G.1848(SEM.80/10)). ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat for the meeting.

The aim of the meeting was to coordinate cooperation activities in the area of statistics which the two organizations had been carrying out in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. With this aim in view, the secretariats of OAS and ECLAC signed an agreement to co-sponsor a joint meeting of high-ranking statisticians, to take place every two years at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile.

ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat for the meeting, which was attended by representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, the United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Also attending as guests were representatives of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), World Bank, Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES), Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC), International Labour Office (ILO), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Statistical Division (UNSTAT).

The meeting addressed the following issues: adaptation and production of basic statistics for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993); environmental statistics and indicators; measuring the informal economy; social and poverty indicators; institutional policies in the area of statistics; dissemination of statistical information; and regional statistical cooperation.

In order to facilitate discussion, ECLAC prepared the following documents: Statistical cooperation activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean during 1993 and 1994 (LC/R.1430(SEM.80/2)); Single European standard statistical classification of environmental protection activities (LC/R.1431(SEM.80/3)); and Activities of international organizations in the field of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting (LC/R.1432(SEM.80/4)). In addition, the following documents were presented on subprogrammes under the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean 1995-1996: Adaption and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (LC/R.1440(SEM.80/5)); Activities in the field of environment statistics and indicators (LC/R.1446(SEM.80/6)); Social and poverty statistics and indicators (LC/R.1443(SEM.80/7)); Dissemination of statistical information (LC/R.1448(SEM.80/8)); and Temas relacionados con el mejoramiento y ampliación de la producción de estadísticas básicas y de precios para la implementación del SCN 1993 (LC/R.1452(SEM.80/9)). A total of 43 reference documents were also presented by representatives of the participating countries.

After intense debate of the above-mentioned topics, a number of directors of national bureaus of statistics in countries of the region and representatives of international organizations undertook to carry out specific activities relating to the areas examined. These activities were to be carried out during the 1994-1996 biennium, and most would be followed up by the ECLAC Statistics and Economic Projections Division.

In regard to regional cooperation in the field of statistics, the participants proceeded to select the following priority areas: the informal sector of the economy, poverty, training, the environment, international trade, services and the institutional framework.

B. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

1. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Multidisciplinary studies are documents prepared jointly by substantive divisions of ECLAC for submission to meetings of the Commission at which special stress is placed on the comprehensive approach taken by the secretariat in examining options and determining factors relevant to economic and social development in the countries of the region.

During the period covered by this report, five such documents were prepared: four for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission (Cartagena, Colombia, 20-27 April 1994), and one for the twenty-sixth session (San José, Costa Rica, 15-20 April 1996). Their titles are:

i) Health, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1813(SES.25/18)).

ii) Open Regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic Integration as a Contribution to Changing Production Patterns with Social Equity (LC/G.1801(SES.25/4)); (LC/G.1801/Rev.1-P, revised version).

iii) Latin America and the Caribbean: Policies to Improve Linkages with the Global Economy (LC/G.1800(SES.25/3)); (LC/G.1800/Rev.1-P, revised version).

iv) The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.1802(SES.25/5)).

v) Strengthening development: the task for the 1990s in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1898(SES.26/3)).

In the first of these documents, the ECLAC secretariat, jointly with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), deals with the subject of health in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the proposal on changing production patterns with social equity. The main purpose of the document is to examine the virtuous circle that exists between health, economic change and improvement of systemic competitiveness. This approach is based on the fact that health is an area where it is possible to progress relatively quickly towards the achievement of equity and the elimination of poverty. It is also pointed out that good health enhances the contribution of education, training and organization of work, thereby promoting productivity and international competitiveness. The document also examines the energizing effect of the health sector as an economic activity.

ECLAC and PAHO reaffirm the urgency of providing universal coverage of basic health needs. To achieve this, they suggest a gradually expanding basic basket of health services, administered by a decentralized system in which the State would have an important regulatory and even a financial role, particularly as regards care for the poor. Thus the study presents a series of proposals on the ideal institutional framework to achieve this goal and highlights the need to incorporate health into the agenda of economic reforms. Other areas discussed include the composition of the basic basket of services and alternative means of financing and delivering services. One of the central tenets of this study is that a measure of protection against the risks of ill-health and death is a feature of citizenship of a modern State.

In the second document, the ECLAC secretariat suggests that the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean should adopt what it calls "open regionalism" in order to promote intraregional economic integration, which will assist in changing production patterns with social equity. Within this framework, it offers guidelines on ensuring the continuity and consistency of any formal integration agreements that may be signed.

All the region's Governments have made strenuous efforts in recent years to improve their linkages with the international economy in response to growing economic globalization. Public action in this regard has focused on promoting the international competitiveness of the goods and services that each country has to offer, and measures adopted have included trade liberalization and deregulation; at the same time, preferential trade agreements have proliferated.

Although at times formal integration agreements may run counter to policies that aim at gradually increasing levels of international competitiveness, it is desirable, and indeed feasible, for these to complement each other. To that end, the secretariat suggests that the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean should practice "open regionalism". This would entail various joint actions, including promotion of an intra-Latin American —or, possibly, intra-hemispheric— system of preferences compatible with policies geared towards enhancing international competitiveness.

Such a strategy would allow the countries of the region to strengthen their mutual economic ties and at the same time improve their linkage with the world economy by expanding their range of options, since it places integration at the service of international competitiveness. At the same time, it would provide the least unfavourable position from which to deal with any deterioration in the international economic situation.

Whether this will happen will depend essentially on the characteristics of the agreements reached. Thus, the debate the document seeks to stimulate focuses not only on the means of promoting integration, but also on the requirements that the most appropriate agreements should meet. The basic aims are to provide support to agreements already made so that they will yield tangible results; to identify the drawbacks and inconsistencies that might arise from a plethora of agreements and deal with them in timely fashion; and, in particular, to suggest guidelines to ensure the continuity and consistency of such agreements in order to maximize their potential contribution to changing production patterns with social equity.

The third document analyses current linkages between Latin America and the Caribbean and the world economy and outlines policies to improve them in the future.

The first aspect dealt with concerns the elements required for defining and implementing integrated trade reform. This would include new export-promotion policies, prospecting and development of natural, mining and agricultural resources, efficient import substitution, and the introduction of para-tariff measures and procedures to counteract unfair competition.

The document then describes the bases for a productive development policy which will overcome the productivity gap characteristic of the region's economies and outlines some of the options open to Latin American and Caribbean countries in the 1990s.

Finally, macroeconomic stability and international financial flows are considered, based on an analysis of the resurgence of capital movements, their new features and their macroeconomic effects. Aspects of the regulation, supervision and stability of financial institutions and capital markets are reviewed, and, lastly, the ways in which policy measures affect the inflow of external financial resources are examined.

As regards the fourth document, by resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of Heads of State or Government, to be held early in 1995. The resolution enumerates the objectives of the Summit and specifies that the core issues to be addressed are "(a) the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups; (b) alleviation and reduction of poverty; (c) expansion of productive employment".

The resolution also lays down the procedures to be followed in preparing for the Summit, including the establishment of a Preparatory Committee, and the regional commissions are requested "to include in their programme of work for 1993 the World Summit for Social Development, with particular emphasis on the social situation in their respective regions, including proposals, and to prepare an integrated report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session".

In compliance with that mandate, the ECLAC secretariat, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), prepared a note entitled "The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean". Its purpose was to offer guidelines for the member countries' preparatory activities for the Summit, bearing in mind particularly the region's hopes with regard to the Summit and its outcome.

The note includes an analysis of the global and regional socioeconomic context, a proposal on the conceptual framework in which, in the secretariat's view, the core issues of the Summit should be considered, a detailed examination of each of those issues and, lastly, some reflections on international cooperation in the area of social development.

In the fifth document, the ECLAC secretariat presents a balanced assessment of the process of transforming the region's economies, pointing out the main achievements and the most glaring deficiencies, and suggests guidelines for correcting the errors and consolidating the progress already made.

The document first reviews the processes of structural reform and the changes that have taken place in the public policy sphere. It then analyses the performance of the economies, particularly in terms of stability and growth, saving and investment, changes in production patterns and international competitiveness.

The document goes on to consider the main obstacles and opportunities involved in reconciling macroeconomic stability with decreased vulnerability in the allocation of resources and the requirements for promoting rapid and sustained development processes.

Lastly, it examines public policy alternatives for strengthening development from an integrated standpoint, with special emphasis on macroeconomic policies to achieve stability and growth, policies to promote saving and financial development, and policies to strengthen competitiveness and productive development.

CEPAL REVIEW

Seven issues of the CEPAL Review were published, with a total of 82 articles.

The articles, of which the great majority were related to the main themes of the ECLAC proposal for changing production patterns with social equity, may be classified into five general groups.

First, there are articles dealing with policies of productive development, including the incorporation of technical progress and its systemic conditions. These articles analyse the concept of competitiveness, policies for productivity and competitiveness in agriculture and various industries, and the importance of technological change in structuralist analysis. Business strategies of local and transnational agents in certain countries and economic sectors are examined, as well as the characteristics of certain specific markets, such as the health care and labour markets. The regional situation with regard to the environment and energy is also analysed, with reference to water management and public water utilities.

Second, there are articles devoted to macroeconomic themes related to changing production patterns. These include analysis of the link between liberalization and financial development, the modernization of supervision of the banking system, financial repression and the Latin American finance pattern, and external capital inflows and their impact on macroeconomic policies. Trends in inflation in various countries and the interaction between stability and structure in economic growth are also analysed.

Third, there are articles on social development as part of an integrated approach. Of particular note are those dealing with fiscal adjustment and its effects on social expenditure, income distribution and poverty, and analysis of the orientation of education expenditure and the pension system reform in Latin America. Changes in the urban female labour market and the achievements and obstacles in women's formal education are also examined; and, lastly, there are studies of the relationship between the informal sector and poverty, and the situation of migrants and rural youth.

The fourth group of articles comprises those devoted to international economic linkages and, in particular, open regionalism. These include reflections on the attitude of Latin America and the Caribbean towards the world economy and on Latin American and Caribbean trade policy, especially the political economy of protection after the Uruguay Round and the impact of exchange-rate and trade policy on export performance. There are also analyses of open regionalism and economic integration, the costs and benefits of Central American integration and the new implications of rules of origin. Economic relations between Latin America and various international markets are explored, with particular reference to Asia and Europe. Finally, inbond assembly (maquila) in the Caribbean and movements of capital and external financing are studied.

The fifth group of articles deals with the political context of development and the model of State intervention. In particular, the relationship between democracy and development is analysed, new directions are suggested for public management, and some lessons are drawn from privatizations. The processes of regionalization and decentralization and cultural perspectives on the ECLAC proposals are also considered.

Other studies attempt to summarize different aspects of the ECLAC proposal and to distinguish it from neoliberalism. The role of the United Nations in post-conflict peace-building is also examined.

The titles of the articles contained in the seven issues of the CEPAL Review published during the biennium are as follows:

CEPAL Review, No. 51 (LC/G.1792-P)

- Inauguration of the "Fernando Fajnzylber" Conference Room and presentation of CEPAL Review No. 50
- Flying geese or sitting ducks? Transnationals and industry in developing countries
- Industrial policy: where do we stand?
- The challenge of industrial competitiveness
- Rural society: its integration and desintegration
- Indigenous peoples and modernity
- Women: productivity and labour in the United States
- Capital flows and their effect on the monetary base
- Old and new trade policies
- Integration and trade diversion
- European integration and Latin American trade
- Natural resources: the current debate

CEPAL Review, No. 52 (LC/G.1824-P)

- Income distribution and poverty through crisis and adjustment
- New directions for public management
- The petrochemical and machine tool industries: business strategies
- Productivity, growth and industrial exports in Brazil
- Export processing in the Caribbean: the Jamaican experience
- Price elasticity of Central American agricultural exports
- Ecuador: the country's progress from chronic to moderate inflation
- New strategies of transnational corporations in Argentina
- The informal sector and poverty in Latin America
- Regionalization processes: past crises and current options
- A cultural view of the ECLAC proposals
- ECLAC and neoliberalism: An interview with Fernando Fajnzylber

CEPAL Review, No. 53 (LC/G.1832-P)

- Latin America and the Caribbean and the world economy
- Foreign capital inflows and macroeconomic policies
- Financial repression and the Latin American finance pattern
- Policies for competitiveness
- Industrial policy and promotion of competitiveness
- Open regionalism and economic integration
- Changes in the urban female labour market
- Water management and river basins in Latin America
- Public policies and the competitiveness of agricultural exports

- Agroindustry and changing production patterns in small-scale agriculture
- National private groups in Mexico, 1987-1993
- China's economic reform and opening to the world: a retrospective and prospective view

CEPAL Review, No. 54 (LC/G.1845-P)

- Health care markets: their morphology, behaviour and regulation
- Liberalization or financial development?
- Fiscal adjustment and social spending
- Women's formal education: achievements and obstacles
- Labour market flexibility: what does it really mean?
- The modernization of bank supervision
- Central American integration: its costs and benefits
- Some lessons of the Argentine privatization process
- Extraordinary comparative advantage and long-run growth: the case of Ecuador
- The cultural industry and new codes of modernity

CEPAL Review, No. 55 (LC/G.1858-P)

- A summary of the ECLAC proposal
- Post-conflict peace-building: a challenge for the United Nations
- Decentralization and democracy: the new Latin American municipality
- The political economy of protection after the Uruguay Round
- Trade policy and international linkages: a Latin American perspective
- Capital movements and external financing
- The impact of exchange-rate and trade policy on export performance in the 1980s
- The present state and future prospects of the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Youth expectations and rural development
- Transnational corporations and structural changes in industry in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico
- El Salvador: industrial policy, business attitudes and future prospects
- Technological change and structuralist analysis

CEPAL Review, No. 56 (LC/G.1874-P)

- Democracy and development
- Can growth and equity go hand in hand?
- Stability and structure: interactions in economic growth
- Pension system reform in Latin America
- Recent economic trends in China and their implications for trade with Latin America and the Caribbean
- Economic relations between Latin America and the high-performing Asian developing economies
- Economic relations between Latin America and the European Union
- Rules of origin: new implications
- Globalization and restructuring the energy sector in Latin America
- The kaleidoscope of competitiveness
- The privatization of public water utilities

- How much can we spend on education?
- Women and migrants: inequalities in the labour market of Santiago, Chile

CEPAL Review, No. 57 (LC/G.1891-P)

- The United Nations and ECLAC at the half-century mark of the Organization
- The creation of the United Nations and ECLAC
- Human rights and children
- Governance, competitiveness and social integration
- Port privatization, labour reform and social equity
- New trends in wage policies
- Central America: macroeconomic performance and social financing
- Panama and Central American economic integration
- The dual currency bifurcation of Cuba's economy in the 1990s
- Transnationalization and integration of production in Latin America
- Index of authors and subjects of articles published in numbers 1 to 57 of CEPAL Review

SUBPROGRAMME 1: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The activities of the Agricultural Development Unit fell largely within the scope of two projects: HOL/92/S12, "Formulation of policies for the transformation of agricultural production in Latin America and the Caribbean", co-financed by the Government of the Netherlands; and FRG/94/S05, "Promotion of the economic and social integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agroindustry", co-financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Work on the first project entailed: i) preparing thematic studies on the transformation of agricultural production and the capacity for economic and social integration of agroindustry (in the wider sense of agribusiness); ii) analysing country studies, the various studies commissioned as part of the project, and additional relevant literature; iii) on that basis drawing broad conclusions and drafting policy guideline, which were later submitted for discussion at several seminars. These conclusions and policy guidelines were then revised to reflect the outcome of the discussions and combined with the case studies and thematic studies in the document, "Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura" (LC/L.919), published in 1995.

The experiences and conclusions of the first project, together with an extensive literature, formed the basis of project FRG/94/S05. Activities under this project entailed: i) elaborating a theoretical-conceptual framework for the contracting (formal or otherwise) of producers by agribusiness; ii) analysing country studies commissioned for the project; iii) holding six national seminars; iv) summarizing the main conclusions and policy guidelines for inclusion in documents dealing with individual countries; v) conducting missions to present and discuss these documents in the countries concerned.

At the same time, analysis of agricultural situations and policies outside the region continued. Areas examined in 1994 were South-East Asia (Agriculture in South-East Asia (LC/R.1514)), the European Union and the United States (internal documents).

Another area of effort was the compilation and analysis of the most up-to-date information available on public and private biotechnology research. A preliminary document on this subject was presented at the end of 1994 at a meeting convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Caracas. The salient points of the study, together with the results of a survey of national systems of technological innovation in agriculture (Sistemas de innovación agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1605)), were published and also incorporated into the relevant chapter of the document to be presented at the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC in 1996. The same theme in relation to the forestry sector was addressed in another published document (La innovación tecnológica en el sector forestal (LC/R.1602)). A further study prepared for incorporation into the session document was "Senderos tecnológicos y apertura de los mercados agrícolas en América Latina y el Caribe" (LC/R.1601).

Lastly, analysis of land and labour markets and the compilation of theoretical literature and recent statistics resulted in an article on youth, rural development and migration published in CEPAL Review No. 55 an update based on the latest census data (¿Desarrollo rural sin jóvenes? (LC/R.1599)), a document on land markets (After land reform, the market? (LC/R.1600)), and another on agricultural employment, to be published in 1996.

i) Documents

Mercados agrícolas y entorno económico mundial (LC/R.1397(SEM.79/2)).

Las relaciones contractuales y la transformación productiva de la agricultura en Guatemala (LC/R.1398(SEM.79/3)).

Agroindustria y transformación productiva de la pequeña agricultura: el caso de República Dominicana (LC/R.1408).

La articulación de la agroindustria de Paraguay con los productores primarios y los mercados (LC/R.1409).

Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación productiva: el caso de Nicaragua (LC/R.1410).

Las relaciones en América Latina y el Caribe entre las empresas agroindustriales y agroexportadoras con los pequeños y medianos agricultores (LC/R.1411).

Las cadenas agroindustriales de plantas medicinales y aromáticas, de condimentos y otros: importancia actual y posibilidades de desarrollo (LC/R.1412).

Agroindustria: articulação com os mercados e capacidade de integração socio-econômica da produção familiar (LC/R.1414).

América Latina: cuantificación de nuevas categorías agroindustriales (LC/R.1417).

Agriculture in Southeast Asia (LC/R.1514).

¿Desarrollo rural sin jóvenes? (LC/R.1599).

After land reform, the market? (LC/R.1600).

Senderos tecnológicos y apertura de los mercados agrícolas en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1601).

La innovación tecnológica en el sector forestal (LC/R.1602).

Análisis de la competitividad de los productos agrícolas y agroindustriales en Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, El Salvador y Guyana (LC/R.1603).

Sistemas de innovación agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1605).

Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura (LC/L.919).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12, "Formulation of policies for the transformation of agricultural production in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the support of the Government of Guatemala and FAO and the participation of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Guatemala City, 28-29 June 1994).

Regional seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12, with the participation of FAO and IICA (Santiago, Chile, 3-5 August 1994).

Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12 and sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development, the National University and the National Production Council of Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica, 30 August-1 September 1994).

Seminar on agroindustry and competitiveness, co-sponsored by IICA, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Dominican Board of Agricultural Enterprise (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 16 November 1994).

National seminar on economic and social promotion and integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agroindustry (Quito, Ecuador, 7-8 September 1995; Lima, Peru, 28-29 September 1995; Bogotá, Colombia, 3-4 October 1995; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 13-14 November 1995; San Salvador, El Salvador, 16-17 November 1995; Guayaquil, Ecuador, 20 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar-workshop on trade integration, small-scale agriculture and foreign trade organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Santiago, Chile, 9-12 May 1994).

Regional conference on trade blocs: cooperative linkages, sponsored by the International Cooperative Alliance (Quito, Ecuador, 24-27 August 1994).

Regional seminar on protection of intellectual property and licensing agreements in the field of biotechnology in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in collaboration with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, Venezuela, 5-7 December 1994).

Seminar on the current situation in agriculture: diagnosis and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (CEP) (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 January 1995).

Meeting of experts on rural poverty, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 19 July 1995).

Exhibit on alternatives for integrating small-scale farmers into agribusiness —part of an international workshop on exchanging experiences in management and marketing in small-scale agribusiness— organized by the National Institute for Agricultural Development, the Agrarian Research Group, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Rural Agroindustry Development Programme (PRODAR), and the Rural Development Regional Training Programme (IFAD/UNDP/EU) (Santiago, Chile, 24-28 July 1995).

Panel discussion on options and perspectives for small-scale family farming under the Country Project, organized by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile and the National Institute for Agricultural Development (Santiago, Chile, 27 November 1995).

Workshop on implementing the Uruguay Round in Latin America in relation to agriculture sponsored by FAO and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 November 1995).

Seminar on rural youth in the Southern Cone: perspectives and opportunities, organized by the Rural Youth Network (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 December 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The activities of this subprogramme include both the economic development studies conducted by the Division itself and the work related to information and documentation for economic and social development carried out by the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES).

Economic Development Division

In 1994, the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean displayed greater dynamism; they recorded their highest rate of growth since 1980, while the average rate of inflation fell to its lowest point in several decades. The region continued to receive large inflows of capital, though several countries experienced marked reductions in such flows.

Among its programme activities the Economic Development Division is responsible, inter alia, for monitoring economic trends in Latin America and the Caribbean and for communicating its findings in the annual publications, Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic panorama of Latin America and Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean. These publications are highly regarded by authorities inside and outside the region, by international organizations and by public, private and academic news media, for the thoroughness and comparability of the data they present; all three publications are greatly in demand.

In other subject areas under its responsibility, the Economic Development Division continued to study: i) the distributive aspects of economic development, with special emphasis on analysing the effects of adjustment processes on income distribution; and ii) government policies aimed at changing production patterns and promoting sustainable development and social equity, with an emphasis on assessing their effectiveness in these different spheres.

At the same time, operational activities continued in the area of fiscal policy and decentralization. In this area, the Division continued to perform the tasks entrusted to it under the project, "Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term", in coordination with four other divisions of the Commission. Lastly, in 1995 the Division began a new project, which is already in the operational phase, on privatization processes in Bolivia and Nicaragua.

i) Documents

Economic survey of Puerto Rico, 1993 (LC/G.1816; LC/WAS/L.24/Rev.1).

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993, volume I (LC/G.1833-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.II.G.2.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993, volume II (LC/G.1833/Add.1-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.II.G.2.

Economic panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1837).

Preliminary overview of the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1846).

El gasto social en América Latina: un examen cuantitativo y cualitativo, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 73 (LC/G.1854-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.9.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994-1995 (LC/G.1873-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.2.

Economic panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (LC/G.1884-P).

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (LC/G.1892-P).

Brasil: a reforma do sistema de saúde, Reformas de política pública series, No. 16 (LC/L.783).

La política social en Costa Rica: panorama de sus reformas recientes, Reformas de política pública series, No. 17 (LC/L.784).

La armonización tributaria en el MERCOSUR, Política fiscal series, No. 37 (LC/L.785).

Tax evasion: causes, estimation methods, and penalties: a focus on Latin America, Política fiscal series, No. 38 (LC/L.786).

La evasión tributaria, Política fiscal series, No. 39 (LC/L.787).

Análisis y evaluación de las reformas tributarias en México: 1978-1992, Política fiscal series, No. 40 (LC/L.788).

Evasión fiscal en México, Política fiscal series, No. 41 (LC/L.789).

Mensuração de economía informal e da evasão fiscal no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 42 (LC/L.790).

Evasão fiscal e ausência de risco no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 43 (LC/L.791).

Descentralización fiscal: marco conceptual, Política fiscal series, No. 44 (LC/L.793).

Descentralización fiscal en América Latina: el caso argentino, Política fiscal series, No. 45 (LC/L.794).

Descentralización fiscal en Argentina desde una perspectiva local: el caso de la provincia de Mendoza, Política fiscal series, No. 46 (LC/L.795).

Coordinación de la imposición general a los consumos entre Nación y provincias: Argentina, Política fiscal series, No. 47 (LC/L.796).

Fiscal decentralization in selected industrial countries, Política fiscal series, No. 48 (LC/L.797).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso colombiano, Política fiscal series, No. 49 (LC/L.798).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso colombiano. Impacto de la descentralización fiscal en la estabilidad macroeconómica y en la distribución regional de recursos, Política fiscal series, No. 49 (LC/L.798/Add.1).

La evasión en el sistema de seguridad social argentino, Política fiscal series, No. 50 (LC/L.802).

Evasão das contribuições de empregadores e trabalhadores para a seguridade social no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 51 (LC/L.803).

Reformas recientes en el sector salud de Costa Rica, Reformas de política pública series, No. 18 (LC/L.813).

La política social en Chile: panorama de sus reformas, Reformas de política pública series, No. 19 (LC/L.814).

Cobertura contributiva y estimación de la evasión de contribuciones a la seguridad social en Costa Rica, Política fiscal series, No. 52 (LC/L.817).

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Privatización y desregulación del sector petrolero en Argentina, Reformas de política pública series, No. 24 (LC/L.845).

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"Determinantes del tipo de cambio real de equilibrio en Perú: 1980-1994", Cuadernos de economía, No. 97, Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, December 1995.

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Sixth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment (Santiago, Chile, 24-27 January 1994).

Technical seminar on fiscal decentralization and municipal finances in Nicaragua, organized by the ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project, the Association of Nicaraguan Municipalities, the Nicaraguan Institute for Municipal Development and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Managua, Nicaragua, 28-30 June 1994).

International seminar on fiscal decentralization in Latin America: balance, challenges and outlook (Quito, Ecuador, 17-20 October 1994).

Seminar on reform of public policies, organized within the framework of the regional project, "Proposals for policy reforms to increase the effectiveness of the State in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Santiago, Chile, 21-23 November 1994).

Seventh regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment, organized by the ECLAC/UNDP regional project on fiscal policies (RLA/92/015) (Santiago, Chile, 23-26 January 1995).

Conference on APEC, the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 5 May 1995).

National seminar on privatizations in Bolivia and Nicaragua (Managua, Nicaragua, 12-13 June 1995).

International seminar on fiscal decentralization and decentralized management in Latin America: best practices and policy lessons (Cartagena, Colombia, 26-28 October 1995).

Workshop on decentralizing and financing social spending on education and health services (Santiago, Chile, 20-21 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Twenty-eighth International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (Atlanta, Georgia, 10-12 March 1994).

Encounter on Poverty and local management: sectoral perspectives, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 4 May 1994).

Annual Encounter of Chilean Economists, 1994, organized by the Centre for Applied Economics, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994).

Seminar on economic growth in Latin America: implications for Europe, the United States and Japan, organized jointly by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) and Wilton Park (Steyning, United Kingdom, 16-20 May 1994).

Eighth annual SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Fellows' Conference on peace and security in a changing world, in the panel on debates over economic restructuring, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24-27 May 1994).

Seminar on evaluation of structural adjustment in Latin America, sponsored by the Postgraduate Programme in Development Sciences of the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, Bolivia, 13-15 June 1994).

Seminar on assessing linkages between economic liberalization and democratic consolidation in Latin America and Eastern Europe: the role of State reforms, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 24-26 June 1994).

Conference on Latin America and the Pacific Basin, organized by the Andean Foundation (Mendoza, Argentina, 15 August 1994).

Conference on democratization and liberalization in Latin America and Eastern Europe, organized by the Social Science Research Council (SCRC) (Warsaw, Poland, September 1994).

Seminar on efficiency in social spending, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, Venezuela, 17-18 October 1994).

Talk on competitiveness and productivity in Latin America, given at the University of Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 20 October 1994).

Meeting of the Social Science Research Council (Bogotá, Colombia, 20-24 October 1994).

Talk on challenges in the 1990s for Latin America and Asia to the Colombian Committee for Relations with the Pacific Basin, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Bogotá, Colombia, 23 October 1994).

Lecture on the East Asian miracle: a critique of the World Bank study for the Masters Programme in Public Policies, jointly conducted by the University of Chile and the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 2 November 1994).

Lecture at the seminar on a comparative study of structural adjustment in Asia, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Tsukuba, Japan, 25-27 November 1994).

Seminar-workshop on methodologies for studying the impact of shocks and macroeconomic policies on distribution and poverty (Santiago, Chile, January 1995).

Presentation on economic growth and fluctuations in Latin America: the long run, at the conference on development strategy after neoliberal economic restructuring in Latin America, organized by the North-South Center, University of Florida (Miami, Florida, 24-25 March 1995).

Symposium entitled "Common vision, different paths", organized by the Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren Kaikan) (Tokyo, Japan, 23-27 April 1995).

Seminar on recent developments in Cuba: economic and political aspects, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 22 May 1995).

Lecture on inequality and economic development at the second symposium on equality and distribution of income and wealth, organized by the Argentaria Foundation (Madrid, Spain, 5-9 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility, organized by the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 June 1995).

Seminar on the challenges of the global economic and business environment for labour relations, presentation of the World Development Report 1995 by the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 10 July 1995).

Talk on currency boards vs. currency bands (Santiago, Chile, 20 July 1995).

Meeting of experts on the efficiency and equity of social reforms carried out in the 1990s (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 August 1995).

International seminar entitled "Peru and the Asia-Pacific region: convergence towards development", organized by the University of the Pacific (Lima, Peru, 23-25 August 1995).

International workshop on regulation and deregulation in Chile and Latin America, sponsored by the World Bank and the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 October 1995).

Academic seminar on wage determinants and industrial wage premiums, held by Professor Steiner Strom, organized by the Department of Economics, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

Regional seminar on changes in production patterns and growth in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 November 1995).

Regional seminar on employment policies and union strategies, panel on structural adjustment, employment, income and living conditions, organized by the Santiago office of ILO (Santiago, Chile, 28 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Department of Public Revenues, in the area of taxation and transfer pricing.

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), in the planning, implementation and processing of the 1994 National Economic Census and the 1995/1996 National Survey of Household Expenditure and Income.

With the National University at Río Cuarto, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Córdoba Province, in estimating the gross domestic product of San Luis Province and other economic indicators.

Bolivia

With the Ministry for the Presidency and the National Development Council, in the area of capital flows.

Brazil

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), in the following technical tasks:

a) Support for the Executive Office and the Office of Public Policy, in the formulation of the work plan for 1994-1995. Particular emphasis was placed on implementing the strategic framework formulated by ECLAC as a guide for the project entitled "Diagnostic assessments, indicators and scenarios" developed by the IPEA for the Ministry of Planning and the Budget, as a point of reference for past and present Governments.

b) Preparation of technical notes and suggestions on issues currently facing the Brazilian economy, such as the follow-up of technical cooperation and collaboration activities within the framework of agreements signed with the Executive Secretariat of the Ministry of Planning and the Budget, and the Secretariat of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Finance.

With public-sector officials in the state of São Paulo, in the area of fiscal decentralization.

With the Federal Internal Revenue Secretariat, in preparing a project dealing with tax reform and transfer pricing.

Colombia

Advisory services in the form of technical cooperation with government tax authorities of countries of the region in regard to issues of fiscal decentralization (Cartagena, Colombia, 24-29 October 1995).

Cuba

With the Ministry of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation, in the area of fiscal policy.

With the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, in activities related to stabilization and adjustment programmes, future tax reforms and assessment of the procedures used by the National Office of Tax Administration (ONAT).

Chile

With the Andean Development Corporation, through the Subdepartment of Studies and Programmes, and the State University of Groningen, the Netherlands, in a joint study designed to measure the real productivity of Chilean industry.

With the Central Bank of Chile, in estimating the stock of capital in national environmental accounts.

Ecuador

With the National Development Council (CONADE), in the identification of possible technical cooperation activities under the ECLAC/UNDP Regional Project on Fiscal Policies in the area of taxes on capital and foreign direct investment; also in the coordination of the various ministries as regards the effects of public expenditure and in the organization of a national technical seminar on the impact of social expenditure in Ecuador.

France

Advisory services in the form of technical assistance to tax administration authorities of countries of the region, with regard to the content and scope of studies prepared on taxation and transfer pricing and on other key areas and issues, with a view to their incorporation in future fiscal projects.

Nicaragua

With the National Public Sector Corporation (CORNAP), on issues of privatization and regulation in Nicaragua.

Panama

With the Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy, Department of Social Planning, within the framework of the UNICEF five-year plan, with the aim of devising a methodology for calculating and assessing social spending by government.

With the Ministry of Finance, in the area of fiscal decentralization.

Paraguay

With the Decentralization Commission of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Interior, in determining the technical assistance that ECLAC will provide the Government of Paraguay in the area of fiscal decentralization.

Peru

With the Office of the National Superintendent of Tax Administration, with respect to the contents and scope of studies on taxation and transfer pricing.

Uruguay

With the Government, in the preparation of studies and the formulation of policies for the economic and social development of Uruguay.

Venezuela

With the Venezuelan Association of Executives (AVE), in examining the issue of government economic policy and its impact on the private sector, with special emphasis on comparing the experiences of East Asia, Latin America and the developed nations.

iv) Training and fellowships

Classes given as part of the Macroeconomics I course at the Economics Department of the University of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, April-June 1994).

Graduate classes on macroeconomics given at the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Santiago, Chile, April-June 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America given as part of the workshop on regionalization and decentralization in Latin America organized by the University Development Corporation (CPU) and the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development of the Ministry of the Interior (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 May 1994).

Lecture on the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s given as part of the fourth ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, June 1994).

Lecture on taxation and transfer pricing given at the twenty-seventh symposium on public finances in Argentina (Córdoba, Argentina, 17-24 September 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization given as part of the international course on decentralization, municipal management and local development organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, November 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America given as part of a course on regionalization and local governments organized by the University of Chile for its masters programme degree in public management and policies (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 June 1995).

Classes on fiscal decentralization given as part of the fifth ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 27-30 June 1995).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America, given in a course entitled "Decentralization in Latin America: characteristics of the process and future challenges", organized by the Centre for Legislative Assistance Studies (CEAL)/Valparaíso Catholic University (Valparaíso, Chile, 12-14 July 1995).

Classes on statistics on Latin American regional trade and the external finances given as part of the course on modeling foreign trade functions organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 24 July-11 August 1995).

Classes on financial relations between the central Government and territorial entities given as part of the third international course on economic reforms and strategic public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, 3 November-7 December 1995).

Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES)

The activities of CLADES under subprogramme 2 focused on information and documentation for economic and social development.

The activities undertaken by CLADES during the 1994-1995 biennium, together with the bulk of documents produced, emphasized strengthening information management in the region.

In order to examine new aspects of information management for development and promote an exchange of experiences to enhance awareness among directors of information networks and decision makers of the role of information in the socio-economic context, the third and fourth regional meetings on information management were held (São Paulo, Brazil, 6-10 May 1994; Lima, Peru, 24-28 October 1994).

During the period covered by this report, CLADES continued to publish periodic issues of PLANINDEX (volumes 14, 15 and 16) and Informativo Terminológico (Nos. 35 to 38). In addition, on the occasion of the World Summit for Social Development, a special issue of the INFOPLAN series was published, entitled Políticas sociales: resúmenes de documentos (LC/G.1852-P).

i) Documents

Políticas sociales: resúmenes de documentos, INFOPLAN: Temas especiales del desarrollo series, No. 10 (LC/G.1852-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.4.

Modernización del Estado: resúmenes de documentos, INFOPLAN: Temas especiales del desarrollo series, No. 11 (LC/G.1883-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.16.

La información en contextos políticos y decisorios: reflexiones derivadas de una reunión sobre gestión de información, Información y desarrollo series, No. 6 (LC/L.792).

Los sistemas de información y el desafío de los cambios globales, Información y desarrollo series, No. 7 (LC/L.920).

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Informativo terminológico, No. 35 (January-June 1994).

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Informativo terminológico, No. 37 (January/June 1995).

Informativo terminológico, No. 38 (July/December 1995).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Third regional meeting on information management (São Paulo, Brazil, 6-10 June 1994).

Fourth regional meeting on information management (Lima, Peru, 24-28 October 1994).

National meeting on information management (Havana, Cuba, 2-11 March 1995).

National meeting on information management (São Paulo, Brazil, 11-15 September 1995).

National meeting on information management (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19-22 September 1995).

National meeting on information management (Managua, Nicaragua, 16-20 October 1995).

National meeting on information management (San Salvador, El Salvador, 23-27 October 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on information for social policies, sponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 3-5 August 1994).

Meeting to evaluate the second year of the "Network of networks" project on information management (CAN/92/S16) (Lima, Peru, 12-14 July 1994).

Meeting to evaluate the "Network of networks" project on information management (CAN/92/S16) (San José, Costa Rica, 21-23 August 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) and the Education Faculty of the University of Córdoba, in organizing a meeting on information management.

Brazil

With the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Information Center (BIREME), in the holding of the third regional meeting on information management.

With the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo, in organizing a meeting on information and development for decision makers.

Costa Rica

With the Omar Dengo Foundation, in organizing and holding a seminar on social intelligence.

With the Inter-American Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (AIBDA), in organizing an encounter on information management.

With the Joint Institute for Social Aid (IMAS), in designing a project to set up a national network of community information centres.

With the Regional Centre for Disaster Documentation, to determine its goals and identify future joint activities.

El Salvador

With the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Guatemala

With the Central American Research Institute for Industry (ICAITI), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Mexico

With the National Library of Planning, in organizing a seminar on information management.

Nicaragua

With the Ministry of Education, in organizing an encounter on information management.

With the Nicaraguan Institute of Public Administration (INAP), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Peru

With the Graduate School of Business Administration (ESAN), in organizing and holding a meeting on information management for decision makers.

Uruguay

With the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), in organizing a seminar on information for social policies.

SUBPROGRAMME 3: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), guided by the instructions of the intergovernmental bodies which direct its work and its regular contacts with planning authorities in the countries of the region, sought to meet all the concerns and priorities of member governments with respect to the central topic of strategic management of the State.

A seminar on state reform and modernization in Latin America was held in Mexico City from 18 to 20 May 1994 in preparation for the ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 20-22 July 1994) and the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning (Mexico City, 21-22 July 1994). The pace of State reform and modernization has increased during the last 10 years under strong internal and external influences, principally the democratization of political systems and the globalization of the economy and international finances. Discussion in the seminar focused on ways in which the process could be made to promote economic development, social equity, political democratization and the consolidation of the rule of law as the foundation of the State. Later, at the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, held in Caracas, Venezuela, from 28 to 29 August 1995, in addition to considering the proposed ILPES programme of work for 1996 and other related matters, participants analysed the public decision-making process.

During the biennium 1994-1995, ILPES also organized several seminars, including the first meeting of Latin American and Caribbean treasury departments (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 December 1994), and participated in various meetings convened by other bodies.

In the area of training, ILPES conducted seven international courses and two related national courses, for a total of over 1,000 teaching hours involving 260 participants. The international courses received financial support from the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute of Spain, the International Institute for Public Administration of France, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Other national courses of various lengths were organized on subjects which were of high priority for some Latin American Governments. As usual, ILPES also supported the teaching activities of other organizations and institutions on specific subjects related to its own research.

In the area of technical cooperation, ILPES undertook 20 advisory assistance missions to central government and decentralized bodies, and to academic institutions, in 11 countries of the region.

i) Documents

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Manual de identificación, preparación y evaluación de proyectos, Cuadernos del ILPES series, No. 39 (LC/IP/G.70-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.93.III.F.3.

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Universidad, desarrollo regional e inteligencia social (LC/IP/G.74).

Los escenarios del desarrollo descentralizado en América Latina (LC/IP/G.75).

Competitividad internacional de regiones (LC/IP/G.76).

Regionalización, descentralización y desarrollo regional: perspectivas político-administrativas en Chile (LC/IP/G.77).

Incentivos fiscales y desarrollo regional: la experiencia internacional (LC/IP/G.78).

La gestión del desarrollo regional en economías de mercado abiertas y descentralizadas: el caso chileno (LC/IP/G.79).

Estado, política y gremios en la creación del Risaralda: evaluación de un proyecto político (LC/IP/G.80).

Modernización y gestión regional: el caso chileno (LC/IP/G.81).

La mesoeconomía territorial: interacción entre personas e instituciones. Notas para orientar a los gobiernos regionales (LC/IP/G.82).

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Competitividad internacional, estrategia empresarial y papel de las regiones (LC/IP/G.85).

Bibliografía por autores sobre desarrollo regional: escritos de Sergio Boisier (LC/IP/G.86).

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El desafío territorial de la globalización: reflexiones acerca del sistema regional chileno (LC/IP/G.89).

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Reforma y modernización del Estado, Boletín del Instituto, No. 1 (LC/IP/G.92), September 1995.

Manual metodológico para la identificación, preparación y evaluación de proyectos ambientales (LC/IP/L.88).

Notas sobre la acción regional (subnacional) en el tema de los recursos humanos (LC/IP/L.89).

El desarrollo y la competitividad a través de la articulación de los actores sociales: una reflexión para Concepción (LC/IP/L.90).

Métodos de análisis prospectivo: reseña y su utilidad para proyectos de inversión (LC/IP/L.91).

Manual de jerarquización de proyectos (LC/IP/L.92).

Técnicas de análisis regional: ejercitación y aplicación: TAREA (versión 2.0). Guía de técnicas y manual de uso del sistema computacional (LC/IP/L.93).

Aspectos ambientales y decisiones económicas en los países en desarrollo (LC/IP/L.94).

Gestión y valoración de proyectos de recursos naturales (LC/IP/L.95).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de educación (LC/IP/L.96/Rev.1).

Eficiencia y redistribución del ingreso como criterios de valor en la evaluación de proyectos (LC/IP/L.98).

La integración de consideraciones sobre medio ambiente y sustentabilidad en las políticas y la planificación del desarrollo agrícola y rural: examen general de temas con fines de capacitación (LC/IP/L.99).

Análisis costo-beneficio: limitaciones y utilización en proyectos de infraestructura totalmente privatizados (LC/IP/L.100).

El análisis costo-beneficio y el medio ambiente (LC/IP/L.101).

La gerencia pública en el sector social: qué, cómo y para quién (LC/IP/L.102).

La gerencia de megaproyectos sociales: el caso de la educación básica (LC/IP/L.103).

Instrumentos económicos para la protección ambiental: una alternativa ante los errores de política y las fallas del mercado (LC/IP/L.105).

Modelo de medición del desempeño de empresas industriales y comerciales del Estado: distribución de sus utilidades y financiamiento de proyectos (LC/IP/L.106).

State reform and modernization (LC/IP/L.107).

El sistema de salud en Chile ante la descentralización política (LC/IP/L.108).

La municipalización de servicios sociales en Chile (LC/IP/L.109).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de salud (LC/IP/L.110).

Seguimiento a la gestión institucional y evaluación de resultados sociales de los planes de inversión municipal. Manual de indicadores (LC/IP/L.111).

Financiación de programas y proyectos de inversión local: la experiencia de Colombia (LC/IP/L.112).

Guía para la preparación y ejecución de planes de inversión municipal (LC/IP/L.113).

Guía metodológica general para la preparación y evaluación de proyectos de inversión social (LC/IP/L.114).

Manual de contratación de obras y servicios de desarrollo local (LC/IP/L.115).

Guía de gestión del saneamiento básico municipal (LC/IP/L.116).

La identificación de proyectos y bolsones de pobreza a nivel local: guía para utilizar la base de datos del censo en REDATAM-Plus (LC/IP/L.117).

La última oportunidad de la descentralización en el Perú: entre la parálisis y los nuevos consensos (LC/IP/L.118).

Control ciudadano y control comunitario de gestión y de resultados (LC/IP/L.119).

Resolutions of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (LC/IP/R.82/Rev.4).

Resolutions of the Regional Council for Planning (LC/IP/R.83/Rev.3).

Pondering planning (LC/IP/R.139).

Bolsones de pobreza intracomunales y espacios de inversión (LC/IP/R.141).

Planificación descentralizada y participación social en el nuevo contexto del desarrollo (LC/IP/R.142).

Desarrollo local: la apuesta por la democracia descentralizada y el humanismo social (LC/IP/R.143).

State reform and modernization (LC/IP/R.144).

El gobierno y la administración pública local en los escenarios de la descentralización (LC/IP/R.147).

Estado y planificación: el caso de Chile (LC/IP/R.149).

La política económica en la poscrisis y el proceso de reforma del Estado (LC/IP/R.150).

Indicadores de la política fiscal: diseño y aplicaciones en América Latina (LC/IP/R.151/Rev.1).

Informe de relatoría. Taller sobre "Sistemas integrados de administración financiera" (LC/IP/R.152).

Privatizaciones: panorámica de un tema de actualidad (LC/IP/R.153).

El subdesarrollo comienza al Sur (LC/IP/R.154).

La equidad en el presupuesto público (LC/IP/R.155/Rev.1).

La descentralización de la salud en América Latina: la municipalización de los sistemas locales de salud (LC/IP/R.156).

El proceso decisorio público: evaluación de impactos y logro de consensos (LC/IP/R.158).

Cambio tecnológico, reestructuración productiva y estrategia de desarrollo (LC/IP/R.159).

Espacio, territorio y desarrollo económico local (LC/IP/R.160).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar-workshop on strategies for the modernization of the public services, organized jointly with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior), Chile (Santiago, Chile, 12 January 1994).

Workshop on municipalization of social services (15 participants) (Santiago, Chile, 28 March 1994).

Seminar on Municipalization of social services organized jointly with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior), Chile, and sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (20 participants) (Santiago, Chile, 29 April 1994).

Seminar on reform and modernization of the State in Latin America, organized jointly with the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of the Government of Mexico and the International Institute for Public Administration of France (30 participants) (Mexico City, 18-20 May 1994).

Seminar on municipal management and training, organized jointly with UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 27-28 September 1994).

Seminar on modernization of the State and planning and control systems, organized jointly with the Central University of Chile and the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 27 October 1994).

First meeting of Latin American and Caribbean treasury departments, organized jointly with the Inter-American Public Budget Association, the General Treasury of the Republic of Chile, the Banco del Estado de Chile, the International Cooperation Agency of Chile and the Office of the Under-Secretary for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Worship and International Trade of Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 December 1994).

Seminar on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized under the technical cooperation agreement, with the Brazilian Ministry of Planning and Evaluation and the Institute of Applied Economic Research; involved the training of 20 government officials by presenting the three modules of the ILPES international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, with a view to its adaptation for a national course to be given in Brazil during 1996 (Brasilia, 2-6 October 1995).

Workshop on the public decision-making process and resource allocation (Santiago, Chile, 30 November-6 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar-workshop on local planning and State modernization, organized by the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees (PRODERE). Paper presented on local planning and decentralization in the context of the new regional realities (San Salvador, 18-23 January 1994).

Fifth Colombian Caribbean Forum. Paper presented on territorial postmodernism and globalization (Cartagena, Colombia, 25 February 1994).

First meeting of Latin American and Caribbean mayors, organized by UNDP. Paper presented on the municipal challenge for humane government (Medellín, Colombia, 9-15 May 1994).

Seminar on municipalization of social services, organized by the Municipality of Temuco (Temuco, Chile, 3-5 August 1994).

International seminar on regionalization, decentralization and regional development: the Chilean experience, organized by Valparaíso Catholic University and the University of Florida (Marbella, Chile, 11 August 1994).

Seminar on regionalization and economic change, organized by the Central Office for Planning and Coordination, the Foundation for the Development of the Central-Western Region and the OAS (Barquisimeto, Venezuela, 5-6 October 1994).

National meeting of mayors in defence of children (Viña del Mar, Chile, 7-8 October 1994).

Twenty-first international seminar of the Inter-American Public Budget Association. Paper presented on public budgets and social equity (Brasilia, 28 November-1 December 1994).

Lecture on competitiveness and territory and territorial management, given at the invitation of the Colombian National Congress (Bogotá, Colombia, 15 May 1995).

Presentation on civil society and the elimination of poverty at the seminar entitled, "Poverty, the responsibility of all", organized by the National Council for the Elimination of Poverty (Rancagua, Chile, 31 May 1995).

International seminar on democracy and popular participation, organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón and the Latin American Institute for Social Research. Paper presented on political and economic institutionalization of popular participation (the experience of decentralization) (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 27-28 July 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Río Cuarto Regional Commission, to study the possibility of a bilateral technical cooperation programme.

Brazil

With the Ministry of Planning for the Office of the Presidency (SEPLAN) in negotiating and preparing an integrated cooperation agreement with ILPES for follow-up of government actions; also in training and horizontal technical cooperation activities.

Colombia

With the Municipal Government of Medellín, in local development planning.

With the National Bureau of Statistics, in the use and applications of the REDATAM computer system (recovery of data on small areas by microcomputer, with multidisciplinary database and with interface with geographic and demographic information systems).

Chile

With the Government of Cardenal José María Caro province (Region VI), on local development.

Ecuador

With the Municipal Government of Quito, in local development planning.

El Salvador

With the Department of National Reconstruction, in economic planning.

With the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees (PRODERE), in local development planning.

With the Office of the Vice-President of the Republic, in preparing a UNDP/ILPES agreement on economic policy.

Jamaica

With the Planning Institute of Jamaica, on a project data bank.

Mexico

With the National Government Service Institute, in local development programmes.

Uruguay

With the Office of Planning and the Budget, in the design of a macroeconomic model.

Venezuela

With the Social Investment Fund, in planning training activities in project evaluation.

With the Andrés Bello Catholic University and the Central Statistics and Informatics Office, in the use and applications of the REDATAM computer system.

With the Central Office for Planning and Coordination, to discuss with the Minister and his colleagues the preparation of the ninth National Plan and the development of a training programme in economic reforms and strategic public management; also in the establishment of a project data bank.

iv) Training and fellowships

International courses

First international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects (Santiago, Chile, 8 July-12 August 1994), for 30 participants from 14 countries of the region (13 fellowships).

Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies (LIDER) - high-level training programme in regional development (Santiago, Chile, 12 August-16 September 1994), for 24 participants from 11 countries of the region (10 fellowships).

Second international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized jointly with the International Institute for Public Administration of the Government of France and the Inter-American Public Budget Association (Santiago, Chile, 23 September-28 October 1994) for 31 participants from 14 countries of the region (8 fellowships).

International course on decentralization and municipal management (Santiago, Chile, 3 November-7 December 1994) for 32 participants from 15 countries of the region (13 fellowships).

Course on development in Latin America, organized by the Ibero-American Department of the International University of Andalucía, ILPES and ECLAC (La Rábida, Spain, 17 April-16 June 1995) for 53 participants from various Latin American countries.

Second international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects, organized by ILPES with the financial and technical support of the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute of the Government of Spain and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 29 May-30 June 1995) for 23 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru (12 fellowships).

Second international course on decentralization, municipal management and local development, organized by ILPES with financial support from the Government of Italy (Santiago, Chile, 7 August-8 September 1995) for 28 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Third international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES with the cooperation of the International Institute for Public Administration of the Government of France and the Department of the Budget of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Government of Spain. The course was also sponsored by the Inter-American Public Budget Association (Santiago, Chile, 3 November-7 December 1995) for 44 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

National courses

Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies (LIDER) for 24 participants from Colombia (Manizales, Colombia, 2 May-3 June 1994).

LIDER-PARANA 95 high-level training programme in regional development, organized by ILPES jointly with the Institute for Economic and Social Development of Paraná (IPARDES) and with the collaboration of the Institute of Applied Economic Research/Economic Development Training Centre (Curitiba, Brazil, 31 July-1 September 1995) for 24 participants from Brazil.

Courses in specific areas

Lecture on project ranking and investment planning given in the ILPES/Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning course (Pamplona, Colombia, 26 March-1 April 1995).

Classes on regional development given at the Food and Development Research Centre (Hermosillo, Mexico, 8-12 May 1995).

Classes on regional development given at the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 17-19 May 1995).

Support for national university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Participation in the opening of the master's programme in regional development management at the Southern University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 7 March 1994).

Lectures on current topics in the area of regional development at the National University at Río Cuarto and the Río Cuarto Business, Trade and Industrial Centre (Río Cuarto, Argentina, 22-26 March 1994).

Participation in the opening ceremony of the master's programmes organized by the Southern University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 3-4 April 1994).

Inaugural lecture of the academic year given on the subject of "The university and regional development" at Bío-Bío University (Concepción, Chile, 8 April 1994).

Classes on public policies at the municipal level given as part of the postgraduate course on municipal management and government (Quito, 8-14 April 1994).

Course on changing production patterns with social equity and strategic State management given at the Chamber of Commerce (Pereira, Colombia, 6 May 1994).

Classes on preparation and social evaluation of investment projects given at La Laguna University (Tenerife, Spain, 6-24 May 1994).

Course on the political science of decentralization given for the master's programme in regional economics and management (Southern University of Chile/ILPES agreement) (Valdivia, Chile, 26 June-2 July 1994 and 26 September-7 October 1994).

Classes on regional development management given at the Technical University of Magdalena (Santa Marta, Colombia, 10-14 October 1994).

Classes on regional development management given at the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 17-21 October 1994).

Participation in the summer seminar on State modernization, organized by Concepción University (Concepción, Chile, 11-12 January 1995).

Courses on regional development given at the Institute of Regional Studies, University of Antioquia (Colombia, 2-8 April 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 4: INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

During the biennium 1994-1995, the work of the Joint ECLAC/UNIDO Industrial and Technological Development Unit, which is responsible for this subprogramme, focused on analysis of the industrial restructuring process and the design of policies to enhance the competitiveness of the countries of the region. Including studies carried out as part of projects, the Unit published 10 articles in books and international periodicals and 23 official ECLAC documents. It organized six meetings, and its staff presented papers at 31 seminars and were panelists at 33 others. It also conducted seven courses (four at postgraduate level) and 13 computer application training workshops. Lastly, 40 technical assistance missions were carried out in 13 countries of the region.

Activities included:

i) Under the ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean", 22 documents were produced on the interactions between micro- and macroeconomics, and on the automobile, pharmaceutical, petrochemical and pulp and paper industries in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico. These studies are to be published in five books during the course of 1996. The project results were made public at an international conference organized jointly with the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies and in 18 papers presented at conferences and seminars within and outside the region.

ii) Work under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, "Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector", involved 11 countries of the region, which received technical assistance on policies for export promotion, human resource development and technological innovation and dissemination. Government organizations were also given support in the design of industrial policies and the modernization of business associations was promoted. Of particular importance was the cooperation with the Institute of Applied Economic Research of Brazil, the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the National Council for Competitiveness and the National Bureau of Statistics of Colombia, the Ministry of Economic Development of Venezuela, and the National Council for Science and Technology and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment of Bolivia. The project results were made public at two national seminars and one international seminar, in papers presented at 15 conferences, in a video and in six periodical articles and books published in America and Europe.

iii) Two computer programs were developed to evaluate the export competitiveness of 83 countries (Competitive Analysis of Nations - CAN) and industrial performance in the region (Industrial Performance Analysis Program). Thirteen training courses in the use of the CAN program were held at the request of governments, business associations and universities.

iv) The document, "Health, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1813(SES.25/18)), was prepared under the joint ECLAC/PAHO project and presented at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC.

v) A seminar on technological development and environmental management in Latin American firms was held with the aim of suggesting guidelines for regulating the relationship between industry and the environment.

vi) Two documents were prepared proposing policy instruments for support of small and medium-sized enterprises, and a seminar was organized in Bolivia on the same subject, under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039. There was also an international meeting organized together with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation of Chile.

vii) A seminar was held on successful experiences in developing government-private sector links, as part of the ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/93/S91, "New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America".

viii) A study and three specific documents on public investment in children were produced under the project, "Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term".

ix) In order to promote the exchange of information on restructuring and industrial policies, a regional network of researchers in this field was established. Progressive consolidation of this network has already produced a first annotated bibliography, including summaries of 80 studies prepared by these researchers.

x) As regards periodical publications, Nos. 16, 17, 27, 28 and 29 here issued in the Desarrollo productivo series: "Restructuring and Competitiveness".

xi) Lastly, the Unit contributed several chapters to the documents prepared by the secretariat for the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC: Latin America and the Caribbean: policies to improve linkages with the global economy and Open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic integration as a contribution to changing production patterns with social equity. In 1995, the Unit collaborated in the preparation of the document on saving, investment and technical progress that ECLAC is to present at its twenty-sixth session.

i) Documents

Reestructuración y desarrollo productivo: desafío y potencial para los años noventa, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 92 (LC/G.1831-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.94.II.G.4.

Reestructuración y competitividad: bibliografía comentada, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 16 (LC/G.1840).

Síntesis del planteamiento de la CEPAL sobre la equidad y transformación productiva, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 17 (LC/G.1841).

Comercio internacional y medio ambiente. La discusión actual, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 93 (LC/G.1860-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.7

CAN: Análisis de la competitividad de los países. Programa computacional para evaluar y describir el medio competitivo internacional, versión 2.0: manual de uso (LC/G.1863).

Indicadores de competitividad y productividad: revisión analítica y propuesta sobre su utilización, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 27 (LC/G.1870).

Innovación en tecnologías y sistemas de gestión ambientales en empresas líderes latinoamericanas. Experiencias empresariales en materia de desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 94 (LC/G.1871-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.11.

The Taiwanese experience with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): possible lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 28 (LC/G.1872).

Fortalecimiento de los gremios empresariales en América Latina, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 29 (LC/G.1885).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de Maestranza Iquique S.A. - Hetland Process - y empresas pesqueras asociadas a CORPESCA, Chile (LC/R.1152/Rev.3).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de la empresa FIBRIT, Colombia (LC/R.1251/Rev.2).

Organización industrial, competitividad internacional y política pública en la década de los años noventa (LC/R.1329).

La pequeña y mediana empresa: algunos aspectos (LC/R.1330).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de desarrollo de tecnologías de tratamiento de efluentes, minimización de residuos y acceso al campo de la biotecnología en la fabricación de colorantes sintéticos de la empresa VILMAX S.A., Argentina (LC/R.1343).

Comercio exterior de bienes de capital en América Latina, 1985-1991 (LC/R.1366).

Grupos económicos y desarrollo: el caso de Chile (LC/R.1444).

Desempenho e desafios da indústria brasileira de máquinas-ferramentas (LC/R.1445).

La coyuntura regional desde la perspectiva de la industria de bienes de capital (LC/R.1449).

La industria argentina: de la sustitución de importaciones a la convertibilidad (LC/R.1454).

Del capitalismo asistido al capitalismo incierto: el caso de la industria petroquímica argentina (LC/R.1456).

Estabilidad y estructura: interacciones en el crecimiento económico (LC/R.1462).

Reconversión y competitividad en la industria colombiana: 1983-1993 (LC/R.1465).

Reorganización industrial y estrategias competitivas en Chile (LC/R.1467).

Perfil tecno-productivo de los grupos económicos en la industria argentina (LC/R.1472).

Reestruturação industrial em contexto macroeconômico instável: a experiência brasileira contemporânea (LC/R.1474).

Restructuring and changing market conditions in the Brazilian auto components industry (LC/R.1484).

La industria mexicana a principios de los noventa (LC/R.1489).

Desarrollo y crisis de la producción de celulosa y papel en Argentina (LC/R.1492).

Capacitación en América Latina: algunos desarrollos recientes, comparaciones internacionales y sugerencias de política (LC/R.1495).

Reconversión industrial y cambio estratégico en el bloque automotriz argentino, 1980-1993 (LC/R.1501).

Structural adjustment in Latin America: a select bibliography (LC/R.1503).

Desenvolvimento e competitividade do setor de papel e celulose no Brasil (LC/R.1505).

Cambios innovativos en sectores tradicionales de países en desarrollo: el caso de la industria del calzado en la Argentina (LC/R.1506).

Technology and work organization in Latin American motor vehicle industries (LC/R.1517).

El sector de celulosa y papel en Chile: un caso exitoso de reestructuración hacia los "commodities" industriales (LC/R.1521).

La industria chilena entre 1970-1994: de la sustitución de importaciones a la segunda fase exportadora (LC/R.1535).

International competition and globalization challenging the Brazilian automotive industry (LC/R.1536).

Comercio exterior de bienes de capital en América Latina 1985-1993 (LC/R.1538).

La industria farmacéutica y farmoquímica mexicana en el marco regulatorio de los años noventa (LC/R.1540).

Restructuring and international competitiveness: the Mexican automobile industry (LC/R.1550).

Formación y empresa. Algunos aportes recientes (LC/R.1552).

Régimen de incentivos, marco regulatorio y comportamiento microeconómico (LC/R.1561).

O setor farmacêutico/farmoquímico brasileiro e as mudanças institucionais dos anos 90 (LC/R.1566).

El comercio internacional de manufacturas de la Argentina, 1974-1990: políticas comerciales, cambios estructurales y nuevas formas de inserción internacional (LC/BUE/L.133).

De la sustitución de importaciones a la globalización: las empresas transnacionales en la industria argentina (LC/BUE/L.134).

La industria argentina: un proceso de reestructuración desarticulada (LC/BUE/L.135).

Industrialización e incorporación del progreso técnico en la Argentina (LC/BUE/L.136).

Ruedas de negocios y cooperación empresaria en el MERCOSUR: análisis y seguimiento de las ruedas de negocios organizadas por el SEBRAE-Rio de Janeiro en Buenos Aires (LC/BUE/L.138).

Calificación de los recursos humanos e industrialización: el desafío argentino de los años ochenta (LC/BUE/L.139).

Tecnologías de organización y estrategias competitivas (LC/BUE/L.140).

Tres etapas en la búsqueda de una especialización sustentable: exportaciones industriales argentinas, 1974-1993 (LC/BUE/L.142).

Nuevas bases de la política industrial en América Latina (LC/BUE/L.143).

Participación de las empresas transnacionales en las exportaciones argentinas (LC/BUE/L.144).

Las filiales argentinas de las empresas transnacionales de Estados Unidos: rasgos centrales y desempeño reciente (LC/BUE/L.145).

Vientos de cambio: los nuevos temas centrales sobre las empresas transnacionales (LC/BUE/L.146).

Perfil de la inserción externa y conducta exportadora de las pequeñas y medianas empresas industriales argentinas (LC/BUE/L.148).

Las PYMEs en el MERCOSUR: definiciones y primeras estimaciones (LC/BUE/R.186).

Pequeños y medianos empresarios industriales metalmecánicos de Rosario (LC/BUE/R.187).

Calificación de los recursos humanos e industrialización: el desafío argentino de los años noventa (LC/BUE/R.191).

Exportaciones industriales a Brasil, 1991/93: especialización, participación empresaria e importancia del mercado brasileño en las ventas y las exportaciones totales de un conjunto representativo de firmas (LC/BUE/R.192).

Tendencias principales de la inversión extranjera directa y de las empresas transnacionales en el actual contexto de la globalización (LC/BUE/R.193).

Estados Unidos en el nuevo contexto internacional; marco regulatorio para las exportaciones (LC/BUE/R.194).

Algunas tendencias de la economía mundial y su incidencia sobre el comercio internacional (LC/BUE/R.195).

Inserción internacional de la industria argentina (LC/BUE/R.196).

Exportaciones PYMEs industriales a fines de los años ochenta (LC/BUE/R.197).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Brasil (LC/BUE/R.198).

Las exportaciones industriales a Chile y selección de las principales actividades exportadoras con predominio de firmas PYMEs (LC/BUE/R.199).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Estados Unidos (LC/BUE/R.200).

Exportaciones PYMEs industriales en 1992: principales cambios con el quinquenio anterior (LC/BUE/R.201).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Brasil (LC/BUE/R.202).

Las exportaciones industriales argentinas a Chile en 1992 y principales cambios en relación a 1988 (LC/BUE/R.203).

Rasgos básicos de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Estados Unidos (LC/BUE/R.204).

Nuevas bases de la política industrial en América Latina (LC/BUE/R.205).

Restricciones a las exportaciones de las pequeñas y medianas firmas de química liviana: líneas de trabajo para apoyar su proceso exportador (LC/BUE/R.206).

Informe sobre las exportaciones PYMEs de bienes de capital y equipos científicos (LC/BUE/R.207).

Principales resultados del estudio sobre restricciones a las exportaciones de PYMEs industriales de la zona del centro de Santa Fé (LC/BUE/R.208).

Internacionalización de las pequeñas y medianas empresas argentinas en el MERCOSUR: exportaciones y modalidades de cooperación empresarial (LC/BUE/R.209).

Las exportaciones de las pequeñas y medianas firmas de productos plásticos: principales restricciones y lineamientos para su promoción (LC/BUE/R.210).

Restricciones a las pequeñas y medianas empresas cordobesas para exportar (LC/BUE/R.211).

Restricciones de las pequeñas y medianas empresas mendocinas para exportar: productores de agroalimentos y metalmecánicos (LC/BUE/R.212).

Exportaciones de empresas PYMEs de manufacturas de cuero: principales resultados del trabajo de campo (LC/BUE/R.213).

Diagnóstico sobre la demanda futura de ingenieros (LC/BUE/R.214).

Pequeñas y medianas empresas industriales exportadoras argentinas (LC/BUE/R.215).

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ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

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International seminar on technological development and environmental management in Latin American enterprises, organized jointly with the Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA) and the Association of Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Industries (ASIMET) (Santiago, Chile, 5 April 1994).

National seminar on competitive analysis of nations and strengthening business associations in Latin America, organized by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039 and the APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc. (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27-28 May 1994).

Second seminar on industrial organization, innovative mechanisms and international competitiveness, organized by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, as part of the joint ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Termas del Corazón, Chile, 6-8 June 1994).

National seminar on policies for competitiveness for the small and medium-sized enterprise, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Social, Economic and Technological Assistance Institute, the Small-scale Industries Association and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (La Paz, Bolivia, 10 November 1994).

National forum on competitive industrial development in Venezuela, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Venezuela Competitiva association, and the Foreign Trade Institute (Caracas, Venezuela, 20 March 1995).

International seminar on successful experiences in government-private sector cooperation in Latin America, organized by the ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/93/S91, "New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America" (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 May 1995).

Meeting on restructuring public institutes, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 August 1995).

Conference on productivity, technological change and mechanisms for innovation in Latin America in the 1990s, organized by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, as part of joint ECLAC/IDRC project CAN/93/S41, with the cooperation of the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) (Marbella, Chile, 28-30 August 1995).

International seminar on the new role of business associations in the development of production, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation, with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile and the Small-scale Industrial Development Network for the Andean Region (ANDINET) (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 October 1995).

International seminar on industrial policy: a comparative analysis of the recent experience of Latin American and European countries, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Institute of Applied Economic Research and the ECLAC office in Brasilia (Brasilia, 5-6 December 1995).

Participation in other seminars, meetings and conferences

Seminar, "Workers and the modernization of production in small and medium-sized enterprises. A vision of entrepreneurs and workers", organized by the Technical Cooperation Service of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 26 January 1994).

Seminar, "Towards an ecological society", organized by the Institute of Political Ecology (Santiago, Chile, 24 March 1994).

Seminar on industry and liberalization, organized by the Economics Department of the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of the Republic (Montevideo, Uruguay, 25-26 April 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 11 May 1994).

Round table on economic and social trends in Latin America, organized by the Canadian Embassy to Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994).

Workshop on public policies, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 3 June 1994).

Seminar on dual professional training: projections from the Chilean experience, organized jointly by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Public Education and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 14 June 1994).

Seminar-workshop on analysis of the scientific technological agricultural system in Chile: identification of critical areas for intervention and strategies for action, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) of the OAS (Santiago, Chile, 14 June 1994).

Workshop on public policies and worker training, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 17 June 1994).

Seminar on the Chile-Colombia free trade agreement, organized by the Chilean-Colombian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, A.G. (Santiago, Chile, 22 June 1994).

Conference on the development experience of the Latin American/Caribbean region and the East Asian countries, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 June 1994).

Meeting of ECLAC and the Bolívar Programme (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 6 July 1994).

Meeting on challenges of technological innovation in Chile, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 9 August 1994).

Seminar, "First trinational summer institute on innovation, competitiveness and sustainability", organized by the Trinational Institute on Innovation, Competitiveness and Sustainability of Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre (Le Chamois, Canada, 14-21 August 1994).

International seminar on production linkages and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, organized jointly with the Corporation for the Promotion and Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Programme for the Development of Small and Medium-sized Industry in Latin America and sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 24-25 August 1994).

Workshop on new technologies, economies of scale and scope and location of production in developing countries, organized by the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) (Maastricht, Netherlands, 5-6 September 1994).

Regional seminar on technological innovation and industrial property, organized jointly with the Chilean Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 20-21 September 1994).

Seminar on quality as a tool for improving enterprises, organized by regional programme US/RLA/90/004, "Industrial automation of the capital goods industry of Latin America", based at the Federico Santa María Technical University, Valparaíso, Chile, with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 28 September 1994).

International symposium on competitiveness: experiences and strategies, organized by the Cali Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley and the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce (Cali, Colombia, 28-30 September 1994).

Ninth conference of the Association of Latin American Economics Faculties, Schools and Institutes, entitled, "Challenges and tasks for Latin American development" (Maracaibo, Venezuela, 3-5 October 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 5 October 1994).

Scientific convention of the Programme on Science and Technology for Development (CYTED), (Cancún, Mexico, 6-10 October 1994).

Seminar on labour institutions and the labour market in Chile, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Labour and Social Security (Santiago, Chile, 7 October 1994).

Forum entitled "Industrial policy: How? Why? For whom?", organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research, with the support of the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo and the Roberto Simonsen Institute (São Paulo, Brazil, 11 October 1994).

International conference on the impact of Chile's entry into NAFTA, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 19-20 October 1994).

Workshop on new forms of business development, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 27 October 1994).

First meeting of the Regional Forum on Industrial Policy, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA), sponsored by UNIDO (San José, Costa Rica, 27-28 October 1994).

Workshop on technological policies and development of production, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 10 November 1994).

Thirty-fifth meeting of the members of the Latin American Iron and Steel Institute (ILAFA) and Latin American Iron and Steel Congress, organized by ILAFA (Santiago, Chile, 20-23 November 1994).

Seminar on ethics and economics, organized by the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies and the periodical Mensaje (Santiago, Chile, 24 November 1994).

Forum on new scenarios of industrial policy and technological development in Colombia, organized by the Institute for Development Policies of the Pontifical Xaverian University, with the support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the National Planning Department (Bogotá, Colombia, 30 November 1994).

Conference on industrial economic strategies for Europe: preparing for the turn of the century, organized by the European Union and the University of Bologna (Bologna, Italy, 2-3 December 1994).

Seminar on industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America, organized by the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH), (Maastricht, Netherlands, 13 December 1994).

Meeting on the functioning of the health sector in Chile, organized by the Health Studies Centre (Santiago, Chile, 13 December 1994).

Workshop on the results of a study of the Region VI Mechanical Engineering development project, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 15 December 1994).

Workshop on foreign direct investment, economic structure and governments, organized by Erasmus University, Netherlands, and the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies UNU/INTECH (Rotterdam, Netherlands, 15-16 December 1994).

Seminar on the current situation in agriculture: evaluation and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 4 January 1995).

Address on the reforms in the ex-Soviet Union: myth, reality and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Applied Economics of the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 6 January 1995).

International conference on NAFTA, Latin American trade agreements and regional integration, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN), and sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 January 1995).

International symposium on industrial restructuring in Latin America: the challenges of globalization, organized by CREDAL, of the University of Paris-Sorbonne, CERETIM and the Groupe de recherche et d'études économiques et sociales sur l'Amérique latine (GRESAL) (Paris, 26-28 January 1995).

Regional workshop on the sustainable paper cycle, organized by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) of London (Rio de Janeiro, 9 March 1995).

Seminar on industrial policy, organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (Brasilia, 9 March 1995).

Seminar on the new role of business associations in the development of competitive industrial policy, organized by the Ministry of Economic Development, the Fund for Productivity Research and Improvement, the National Society for Reciprocal Guarantees for Medium- and Small-scale Industry and the company VeneConsultores (Caracas, Venezuela, 17 March 1995).

Workshop on new forms of business development: the institutional structure of productive development in three South-East Asian countries, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 22 March 1995).

Seminar on modernization and the labour market: the Brazilian experience, organized by the ILO Multidisciplinary Technical Team (Santiago, Chile, 23 March 1995).

Seminar on challenges for quality education, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 April 1995).

Seminar on income distribution in Chile, 1990-1993, supplementary survey of income, organized by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) (Santiago, Chile, 20 April 1995).

Workshop on technology transfer, trade and development: newly industrialized economies in global competition, organized by the Department of Economic Sciences of the University of Venice (Venice, Italy, 28 April 1995).

Address on the modernization of the Latin American enterprise: dealing with specifics (Santiago, Chile, 10 May 1995).

Workshop on international cooperation and the incorporation of knowledge into production, organized by the Executive Secretariat for International Technical Cooperation of the Peruvian Ministry for the Presidency, with the cooperation of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) (Lima, Peru, 12 May 1995).

Conference on national industrial policy, organized by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and UNDP (Kingston, Jamaica, 29-30 May 1995).

Joint ECLAC/INIA meeting on agricultural technological development in MERCOSUR, organized jointly by the ECLAC Division of Production, Productivity and Management and the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) (Santiago, Chile, 30 May 1995).

Seminar on tradable emission rights in Santiago, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 31 May 1995).

Workshop on the structure of international markets in pharmaceutical products, organized by the Cuban Ministry of Health (Havana, Cuba, 2-3 June 1995).

Seminar-workshop on environmental sustainability of economic growth, organized by the Centre for Analysis of Public Policies (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility (first part), organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 23 June 1995).

Meeting on evolutionary processes of growth and development: history and theories, organized by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) (Laxenburg, Austria 27-29 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility (second part), organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1995).

Seminar on challenges for labour relations of the global economic and business environment, organized by the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 10 July 1995).

Symposium on the new generation of development policies, organized by UNDP with the collaboration of the ECLAC office in Montevideo (Montevideo, Uruguay, 10-12 July 1995).

Workshop on challenges, policies and instruments for restructuring of production and labour, in the context of constant and widespread changes in production patterns, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 11 July 1995).

Workshop on the technological dimension of productive development: challenges, policies and instruments, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 17 July 1995).

Opening of the Centre for Industrial Productivity, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC and the Centre for Industrial Productivity (Santiago, Chile, 24 July 1995).

Seminar on ISO 14000 and environmental management, organized by AIC Conferences S.A. (Santiago, Chile, 27 July 1995).

Workshop on the environmental dimension of productive development, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 4 August 1995).

Launch of the book, Estrategias para combatir la pobreza en América Latina: programas, instituciones y recursos, Dagmar Raczynski (ed.), organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 7 August 1995).

Meeting of Ministers for Industry of the Andean Countries —Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (Bogotá, Colombia, 11 August 1995).

Seminar on environmental management and enterprise, organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, 24 August 1995).

First International Congress on Industrial Engineering, organized by the Production Engineering Department of the Federal University of São Carlos (São Paulo, 5-7 September 1995).

International forum on productivity, competitiveness and internationalization of the economy, organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (Bogotá, Colombia, 6-7 September 1995).

Seminar organized under the project entitled "Exchange of experiences on economic and social policies for development between Latin America, Russia and selected European countries", for which the executive bodies are ECLAC and the Latin American Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation (Moscow, 11-15 September 1995).

Workshop on Subprogramme XVI/CYTED, organized by the Programme on Science and Technology for Development (CYTED) (Concepción, Chile, 21 September 1995).

Seminar on technical guidelines for pollution control in specific activities, sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association and the National Environment Commission, Metropolitan Region (Santiago, Chile, 26 September 1995).

Seminar on training in the context of the national productive development policy, organized by the Business Support Centre of Arica and the National Training and Employment Service for Region I and sponsored by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (Arica, Chile, 28 September 1995).

Nineteenth International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Washington, D.C., 28-30 September 1995).

Thirty-second meeting of the Technical Committee of the Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR/ILO) (Ocho Ríos, Jamaica, 3-6 October 1995).

International seminar on regulation and deregulation in Latin America, organized jointly by the University of Chile and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 October 1995).

Seminar on culture, citizenship and integration in Latin America, organized by the Department of Social Sciences of the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies, under the Master's Programme in Latin American Social and Political Studies (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 October 1995).

Forum on Chile and MERCOSUR: impact on product certification and firm registration under ISO 9000, organized by the Office of Scientific and Technological Research and the Faculty of Engineering of the Catholic University of Chile and sponsored by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 11 October 1995).

Seminar on quality and competitiveness, a single challenge, organized by the Technical Cooperation Service and sponsored by the National Centre for Productivity and Quality (Santiago, Chile, 19 October 1995).

First Congress of the Paraguayan Studies Association (Asunción, Paraguay, 19-21 October 1995).

First international workshop on economics and management, on the topic of competing in globalized markets, organized by the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 24-27 October 1995).

Analytical seminar on the impact of the new ISO 14000 standards on export markets and internal management of enterprises in Chile, organized by the Confederation of Production and Commerce and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 25 October 1995).

Seminar on waste handling and environmental management, organized by AIC Conferences S.A. (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 October 1995).

First national seminar on the cooperative savings and loan system: development and projections, organized by the Chilean Federation of Savings and Loan Cooperatives (Talca, Chile, 28 October 1995).

Seminar on the competitiveness of the wine industry at the international level, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 30 October 1995).

Chile-Puerto Rico economic symposium, organized by the Governor of Puerto Rico (Santiago, Chile, 2 November 1995).

Seminar on engineering and development: flexibility and automation, organized by students of the Engineering and Development Corporation (Santiago, Chile, 2-4 November 1995).

Meeting on prospects for scientific and technological development in the Latin American university, organized by the Inter-University Centre for Development (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 November 1995).

Presentation of the national accreditation system of the National Institute of Standardization, organized by the Institute (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

International congress on health, crisis and reform, organized by the Argentine Chamber of Health Enterprises (Buenos Aires, 8-10 November 1995).

Seminar on science and technology, the environment and sustainable development in the Latin American context, organized by the State Department of Science and Technology and of the Environment of Rio de Janeiro and sponsored by the Ministries of Science and Technology and of the Environment, Water Resources and the Amazon Treaty Region, and the Forum of State Departments of Science and Technology and of the Environment, with the support of UNESCO, the Latin American Centre for Physics and the Latin American Technological Data Network (RITLA) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 9-10 November 1995).

Sixth "Week for productivity and quality in Enterprise", organized by the Extension Centre of the Catholic University of Chile and the Programme for Productivity and Quality in Enterprise; included a seminar on the application of ISO 9000 standards in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 November 1995) and another on management for competitiveness (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 November 1995).

Seminar entitled "Beyond project environmental impact standard: strategic environmental assessment and its application to policies, programmes and plans", organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 15 November 1995).

Seminar on analysis of product life cycles as related to performance-based environmental labelling (type III labelling), organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 16 November 1995).

Workshop on poverty and income distribution in Chile, organized by the Corporation for Justice and Democracy (Santiago, Chile, 20 November 1995).

Seminar on promoting competitiveness in the Caribbean business sector, organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and the Association of Small Industrial Businesses of Saint Lucia (Castries, Saint Lucia, 28 November 1995).

Workshop on implementation of the Uruguay Round in Latin America in relation to agriculture, organized by FAO and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 November 1995).

Seminar on industrial property in Chile as a tool for innovation and competition in the market, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction (Santiago, Chile, 30 November 1995).

International seminar on mechanisms for environmental management based on the ISO 14000 standards series, organized by the Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development (Santiago, Chile, 30 November-1 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

With regional and international organizations

With the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, on analysis of trends and changes in industrial and technological development processes, economic liberalization, industrial restructuring and international competitiveness in the Latin American region.

With the Pan American Health Organization and the World Bank, in relation to a study conducted by the two institutions on "Investing in Health"; a paper entitled "Salud, innovación tecnológica y marco regulatorio" was presented.

With the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH), in the field of new technologies, economies of scale and industrial numerical control, and of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America.

With the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria, on technological progress and innovation theory and its application in relatively less-developed countries.

With UNIDO, in the preparation of an international forum entitled, "Post-2000 outlook and perspectives for industrial development", New Delhi, India, 16-19 October 1995; collaboration covered the following specific subjects: projections of industrial growth, competitiveness in the manufacturing sector, technological innovation and trade liberalization.

With the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, in the preparation of a study on change and technological adaptability in Latin America and the Caribbean presented at the conference on productivity, technological change and mechanisms for mechanisms for innovation Latin America in the 1990s (Marbella, Chile, 28-30 August 1995) and at the international forum on productivity, competitiveness and internationalization of the economy (Bogotá, Colombia, 6-7 September 1995).

With the Ministers for Industry of the Andean Countries, at the meeting on industrial complementation and competitiveness (Bogotá, Colombia, 11 August 1995), which issued a declaration in which the ministers from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela "fully supported adoption of the strategy for changing production patterns with social equity proposed by ECLAC". Also attending were the Chairman of the Andean Development Corporation and the Coordinator of the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039).

Argentina

With the University of Buenos Aires, in connection with industrial restructuring and international competitiveness, and also in the preparation of a proposal for an agreement on collaboration between the University of Buenos Aires and ECLAC.

With the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (ISALUD Foundation) and Lomas de Zamora National University, on health and social security matters.

Bolivia

With the office of the Vice-President of the Republic, in the preparation of a science and technology programme under the responsibility of the National Council for Science and Technology, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Planning Department of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, as part of project BOL/94/036, to establish a Productivity Forum under the Council for National Development and to support the National Planning System. It has been suggested that ECLAC should be included on the interministerial technical committee responsible for the setting up of the forum.

With the Social, Economic and Technological Assistance Institute, in the preparation of a book entitled Políticas de competitividad para la pequeña y mediana empresa, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Brazil

With the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, on matters relating to the health sector and the pharmaceuticals industry, and on reprogramming of its biotechnology research activities.

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research, on the design of industrial policy in Brazil, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Canada

With the Canadian Embassy in Chile, during the round table on economic and social trends in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994), on the topic of industrial restructuring and competitiveness.

Chile

With the Maquehue Inter-Agency Programme in Temuco, in order to initiate the following activities: increasing productivity, marketing lupin (the region's principal crop) through community-based micro-enterprises, primary health care, intercultural bilingual education and community organization.

With the Antofagasta Business Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Catholic University of the North, in analysing the problems of small and medium-sized enterprises and exploring possible ways of solving them, held at Antofagasta industrial park.

With the Ministry for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, in connection with indicators of industrial competitiveness, and also in a study of mechanisms for innovation.

With the Technological Research Institute, on the design of technological policies, innovation and industrial development and the relationship between the macroeconomic and microeconomic dimensions.

With the Productive Development Forum, coordinated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, and the Corporation for the Year 2000, in the identification and promotion of initiatives geared to facilitating dynamic and sustained growth in a small, open economy such as the Chilean economy, in a stable and equitable framework.

With the secretariat of the Science and Technology Programme of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, on matters related to technology policy and management, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Colombia

With the Colombian Federation of Metallurgical Industries, in the area of capital goods.

With the Government's economics team, in connection with industrial policy and international competitiveness.

With the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley, in an analysis of various methodologies for evaluating the competitiveness of the companies of the Cauca Valley, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the Institute for Training and Research in Plastics and Rubber of the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries, on international competitiveness, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Manufacturers' Association, with reference to productivity and technological change in Latin America: comparative analysis of various countries.

With the Office of the Council on Economic Affairs and Competitiveness of the Presidency of the Republic, the National Planning Department, the National Bureau of Statistics, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, and the Ministry of Economic Development, in relation to policy design and analysis, especially in the fields of technology dissemination, human resource development, infrastructure, business administration and mechanisms for oversight and exchange of experiences on how to improve competitiveness, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Bureau of Statistics, in the study of indicators of competitiveness as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Planning Department, in the preparation of a project on sectoral policies to enhance competitiveness.

Cuba

With the Ministry of Health, in the analysis of the pharmaceutical industry.

Dominican Republic

With the APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc., in the organization of a seminar on international competitiveness entitled, "Competitive analysis of nations and the strengthening of business associations in Latin America" (Santo Domingo, 27-28 May 1994), as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Ecuador

With the Institute of Socio-economic and Technological Research, on the technological requirements of small and medium-sized Ecuadorian firms, as part of the project, "Education and the small to medium-sized firm", financed by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

With the Central Bank of Ecuador, in relation to macroeconomic and microeconomic policies to enhance competitiveness.

Jamaica

With the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), in the design of policies to promote exports and in the preparation of a report on recommendations regarding policies to help increase the competitiveness of Jamaican firms, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Mexico

With the National Chamber of Manufacturing Industries, for the purpose of helping the institution set up a Focal Point for the Demand for Capital Goods.

With the Nuevo León Chamber of Manufacturing Industries, for the purpose of helping the institution to set up a Focal Point for the Demand of Capital Goods by training those responsible for its operation and enhancing their strategic planning capability.

Peru

With the Executive Secretariat for International Technical Cooperation of the Ministry for the Presidency, on technological development, international competitiveness and mechanisms for coordination of the public and private sectors, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Venezuela

With the Executive Office of the Ministry of Economic Development, on business competitiveness policies, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With various chambers of industry, to plan the co-financing of a programme of action to business associations, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the Venezuelan Association of Chemical and Petrochemical Industries, on the design of a methodology for a study on competitive management for the benefit of the sector and the country, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

iv) Training and fellowships

Lecture on economic growth and equity: ECLAC proposals, in the course entitled "New perspectives in international cooperation for development" offered by the Department of International Studies of the University of Padua (Padua, Italy, 25 February 1994).

Postgraduate course under the Master's Programme of the University of Havana on structural adjustment in Latin America, organized by Carleton University, Canada, and ECLAC (Havana, Cuba, 30 January-3 February and 13-18 February 1995).

Postgraduate course under the Master's Programme of the University of Havana (ECLAC/Carleton University) on the study of the current state and prospects of the Cuban pharmaceuticals industry (Havana, Cuba, 2-3 June 1995).

Postgraduate course on innovation theory and technological change under the Master's Programme in Economics of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 3-7 July 1995).

Postgraduate course on innovation theory and technological change under the Master's Programme in Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, March-July 1995).

Introductory course in economics, first semester of 1995, Faculty of Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, March-July 1995).

Course on industrial analysis of paper and pulp, organized by AVIA International of Brazil (Curitiba, Brazil, 29 November-1 December 1995).

Course-workshops on the computer program "Competitive analysis of nations" (CAN) at the following institutions:

- Institute for Training and Research in Plastics and Rubber of the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries. Also attending were officials from the National Manufacturers' Association, the Colombian Federation of Metallurgical Industries, the National Exporters' Association, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Colombian Farmers' Association, the National Association of Financial Institutions, ANDECOL, the National Federation of Merchants, and the Colombian International Corporation (Bogotá, Colombia, 20-24 February 1994).

- National Manufacturers' Association. Also attending were officials of the University of Antioquia, of the Antioquia Stockbreeders' Federation, the Pontifical Bolivarian University, the University of Medellín, the Industrial Development Corporation, the National University of Colombia, the Chamber of Commerce and Papel S.A. (Medellín, Colombia, 19-20 April 1994).

- APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc. Also attending were officials of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Free Trade Zone Association (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27-28 May 1994).

- Department for the Promotion of Exports (PROEXPORT) of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Trade (Bogotá, Colombia, 12-13 July 1994).

- Bolivian Department of Agriculture and Livestock. Also attending were officials of the Departments of Mining, of Industry and Trade, of Provincial and Rural Development and of Energy, the National Institute of Statistics, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, the Central Bank of Bolivia, the Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs and the training programme of the Department of Agriculture and Livestock (project UNDP/FAO/BOL/91/010) (La Paz, Bolivia, 21-24 November 1994).

- Invertir (Invest) Corporation of Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 28-29 November 1994).

- Office of the Council on Competitiveness of the Presidency of the Republic. Also attending were officials of the Colombian National Bureau of Statistics, the Pontifical Xaverian University, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Bank of the Republic and the Ministry of Economic Development (Bogotá, Colombia, 2-3 December 1994).

- Ministry for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 22 December 1994).

- Spanish Centre for Latin American Studies (Madrid, Spain, 14-21 January 1995).

- Export Promotion Centre, Chamber of Industry, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry and Commerce of Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica, 13 February 1995).

- The Economics and Development Foundation and the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 15 February 1995).

- University of Chile and ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 March 1995).

- University of Talca (Talca, Chile, 27-29 April 1995).

- Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039 (Kingston, Jamaica, 26 May 1995).

- Sectoral Coordination of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina (Mendoza, Argentina, 2-3 June 1995).

- Chilean National Institute of Statistics (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 July 1995).

- Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, Mexico, 15-16 August 1995).

- National Council of Rectors, the Costa Rica Technological Foundation, the Technological Institute of Costa Rica, the University of Costa Rica, the National University, and the State Distance Learning University (San José, Costa Rica, 24-26 October 1995).

- Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction (Valparaíso, Chile, 3-4 October 1995).

- Department of Cochabamba Chamber of Industry (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 17-19 October 1995).

- Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 November 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 5: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

International trade

During the two-year period covered by this report, activities for this portion of the subprogramme focused on the design of policies and mechanisms to foster the continued expansion and improvement of the commercial linkages of Latin America and the Caribbean with the changing world economy, particularly in view of the current trends towards globalization in production and increasing liberalization of trade and finance.

To further that aim, eight documents were prepared in 1994. One of these documents (LC/R.1447) presents a preliminary assessment of the impact of the Uruguay Round on the countries of Latin America; another (LC/L.846) examines trends and prospects for Latin American exports of cotton fibre and yarn; another (LC/L.816) discusses coffee supply and demand in the world market; and the remaining five (LC/R.1434; LC/R.1435; LC/R.1441; LC/R.1442; LC/R.1468) are devoted to an analysis of trade and investment relations between Russia and Latin America.

In addition, two seminars were held during 1994. In the first seminar, on trade and investment between Latin America and Russia, the sessions focused on an analysis of investment and trade between the countries of Latin America and the Russian Federation. The general topics considered were the current situation, problems common to all or specific to certain countries, prospects, proposals and solutions. In the second seminar, on the Uruguay Round and development in Latin America, the main topics addressed were the prospects and impact for Latin America of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round; the experience of concerted regional action in the negotiations; the overall process of negotiations on goods and services; and the new World Trade Organization.

In 1995, nine documents were prepared. One of these documents (LC/R.1586) concerns international trade negotiations and the agricultural agreement reached in the Uruguay Round; a second (LC/R.1504) analyses the world market for bananas; a third (LC/L.900) surveys Latin American exports of fish products; a fourth (LC/R.1589) contains a comparative analysis and interpretation of liberalization and growth in Chile and Uruguay; a fifth (LC/R.1587) concerns the attraction of foreign capital; a sixth (LC/R.1588) deals with trade in services; a further two (LC/L.877 and LC/R.1507) are devoted to economic relations with China and the European Union, respectively; and a ninth (LC/L.882) analyses trade relations between the countries of Latin America and Eastern Europe.

It should be noted that the seminar on Latin American and Caribbean trade policy in the new institutional context of trade, which was scheduled to be held in the second half of 1995, did not take place, owing to budgetary difficulties.

Development financing

Publications in this area included three case studies on the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises and on external financial flows into the Americas. Other publications included a book entitled El financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en América Latina: propuestas de acción a partir de la experiencia de México, and six issues of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series dealing with such topics as the securities markets and financing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

In addition, in 1994, a document entitled "Indicators and determinants of savings in Latin America and the Caribbean" was prepared and presented at a seminar organized by the World Bank on long-term growth and development, which was held in Spain in July 1994. Furthermore, a document entitled "Movimientos de capitales, estrategia exportadora y estabilidad macroeconómica en Chile" (LC/L.854) was completed for the joint ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (Canada) project CAN/93/S19, "Capital movements in the region"; a document on foreign capital inflows and macroeconomic policies was prepared and published in CEPAL Review No. 53 (LC/G.1832-P); and a study on international competitiveness and the macroeconomics of capital account opening was published as an ECLAC working paper.

In 1995, the terms of reference were established for studies on: regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates; the access of low- and medium-income strata to housing finance; and saving, financial institutions and capital formation in Latin America. A total of seven issues of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series were edited and published. One of these examines pension system reform; three are devoted to the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises; and a further three deal with the topic of capital flows.

Work also began on the joint ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project HOL/94/S22, "Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries", which was financed by the Government of the Netherlands. Preliminary versions of three case studies on this subject in relation to Argentina, Brazil and Colombia have been completed.

A new version was also published of the document for the joint ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project on "Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"; work on this project began in July 1995. The relevant authorities in Argentina, Chile and Colombia were contacted in order to develop the design of the studies to be undertaken in these countries. A workshop was due to be conducted in January 1996 to launch the case studies in the three countries.

A workshop of experts was organized on a methodology for evaluating the distributive consequences of macroeconomic policies in Chile; in addition, a total of five national seminars on policies to support financing of small firms were held in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

In connection with the activities carried out together with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) on coordinating economic and social policy in Latin America and the Caribbean, a document was published entitled "La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales" (LC/R.1463).

In addition, ECLAC is cooperating with the Central Bank and the Catholic University of Chile in an empirical analysis of inflation in Chile, involving the preparation and publication by ECLAC of a document entitled "Componentes internos y externos de la inflación en Chile: un enfoque de cointegración".

i) Documents

Economic survey of Canada, 1993 (LC/G.1838; LC/WAS/L.25).

Economic survey of the United States, 1993 (LC/G.1843; LC/WAS/L.26/Rev.1).

U.S. barriers to Latin American and Caribbean exports, 1994 (LC/G.1861; LC/WAS/L.28).

América Latina y el mercado mundial del café (LC/L.816).

Situación y perspectivas de desarrollo del mercado de valores del Ecuador, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 20 (LC/L.830).

Empresas de menor tamaño relativo: algunas características del caso brasileño, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 15 (LC/L.833).

El acceso de las pequeñas y medianas empresas al financiamiento y el programa nacional de apoyo a la PYME del gobierno chileno: balance preliminar de una experiencia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 16 (LC/L.834).

La experiencia en el financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en Costa Rica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 17 (LC/L.835).

Fondos de pensiones y desarrollo del mercado de capitales en Chile: 1980-1993, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 19 (LC/L.839).

Acceso a los mercados internacionales de capital y desarrollo de instrumentos financieros: el caso de México, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 18 (LC/L.843).

Tendencias y perspectivas de las exportaciones latinoamericanas de fibra e hilaza de algodón (LC/L.846).

La reanudación de las corrientes privadas de capital hacia América Latina: el papel de los inversionistas norteamericanos, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 22 (LC/L.853).

Movimientos de capitales, estrategia exportadora y estabilidad macroeconómica en Chile, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 23 (LC/L.854).

Corrientes de fondos privados europeos hacia América Latina: hechos y planteamientos, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 24 (LC/L.855).

Integración de las bolsas de valores en Centroamérica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 21 (LC/L.856).

El movimiento de capitales en Argentina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 25 (LC/L.857).

Repunte de los flujos de capital y el desarrollo: implicaciones para las políticas económicas, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 26 (LC/L.859).

Flujos de capital: el caso de México, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 27 (LC/L.861).

El financiamiento latinoamericano en los mercados de capital de Japón, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 28 (LC/L.862).

Recent economic trends in People's Republic of China implications for sino-latinoamerican trade (LC/L.877).

Reformas a los sistemas de pensiones en América Latina y el Caribe, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 29 (LC/L.879).

Análisis de las relaciones comerciales entre los países de América Latina y de Europa del Este (LC/L.882).

Análisis de las exportaciones latinoamericanas de productos de la pesca (LC/L.900).

Acumulación de reservas internacionales: sus causas y efectos en el caso de Colombia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 30 (LC/L.901).

Financiamiento de las unidades económicas de pequeña escala en Ecuador, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 31 (LC/L.903).

Acceso de la pequeña y microempresa al sistema financiero en Bolivia: situación actual y perspectivas, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 32 (LC/L.907).

Private international capital flows to Brazil, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 33 (LC/L.909).

Políticas de financiamiento de las empresas de menor tamaño: experiencias recientes en América Latina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 34 (LC/L.911)

Flujos financieros internacionales privados de capital a Costa Rica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 35 (LC/L.914)

International economic highlights, 1993 (LC/WAS/L.23).

Economic survey of the United States, 1993 ((LC/WAS/L.26).

International economic highlights, 1994 (LC/WAS/L.27).

Economic survey of Canada, 1994 (LC/WAS/L.29).

Las inversiones provenientes desde países de América Latina para efectuarse en el territorio de la Federación de Rusia: realidad escasa, perspectivas sugerentes y potencial enorme. Estudio basado en la experiencia de empresarios de Chile (LC/R.1434).

Situación y perspectivas de las relaciones comerciales entre Rusia y América Latina (LC/R.1435).

El intercambio comercial entre América Latina y Rusia: evolución y perspectivas (LC/R.1441).

Inversiones extranjeras directas en las relaciones económicas ruso-latinoamericanas (LC/R.1442).

The Uruguay Round of trade negotiations: an evaluation for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1447).

La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales (LC/R.1463).

Informe del seminario sobre "Comercio e inversiones entre América Latina y Rusia" (LC/R.1468).

El mercado mundial del banano (LC/R.1504).

Recent changes in the European Union and their potential effects on Latin America (LC/R.1507).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática de Nicaragua (LC/R.1580).

El acuerdo agrícola resultante de la Ronda Uruguay y sus implicancias en el acceso a los mercados para América Latina (LC/R.1586).

Políticas de captación de recursos externos a la luz del episodio de altas entradas de capital a la región en 1992-1994 (LC/R.1587).

El acuerdo general sobre el comercio de servicios: retos y oportunidades para América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1588).

Apertura y crecimiento en las experiencias de Chile y Uruguay: análisis comparado e interpretación (LC/R.1589).

El GATT 94 y la Organización Mundial del Comercio: una nueva agenda para Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.125/Rev.1).

CEPAL News, vol. XIV, Nos. 1-12.

CEPAL News, vol. XV, Nos. 1-12.

Books published by arrangement with publishing houses

El financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en América Latina: propuestas de acción a partir de la experiencia de México, published by SRV Impresores, Santiago, Chile, June 1994.

Articles published in other periodicals

"Some features on current pension system reform in Latin America", Revista de análisis económico, vol. 9, No. 1, Santiago, Chile, June 1994.

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on trade and investment between Latin America and Russia, under project RUS/90/S03, "The foreign economic policy of Russia and its implications for Latin America and the Caribbean" (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 September 1994).

Seminar on the Uruguay Round and development in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 17-18 November 1994).

Workshop of experts on a methodology for evaluating the distributive consequences of macroeconomic policies (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 January 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of small firms, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Institute of Socio-economic and Technological Research (INSOTEC) (Quito, Ecuador, 30 March 1995).

National seminar on the financing of small firms: the current situation and prospects (La Paz, Bolivia, 9 May 1995).

Seminar on foreign direct investment in Latin America: new developments and promotional strategies, organized jointly by the Foreign Investment Committee of Chile and the Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 May 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America (Brasilia, 3 October 1995).

National seminar on support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Costa Rican Chamber of Industry (San José, 25 October 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of smaller firms in Latin America, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Industrial Development Institute (Bogotá, Colombia, 27 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of a working document entitled "Modelling the demand for money with cointegrated variables: the case of Chile", at the Annual Meeting of Chilean Economists (Santiago, Chile, 15 May 1994).

International roundtable on new methods of managing resources for social development, sponsored by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) (Berlin, 21-24 June 1994).

Seminar on development experiences in Latin America, the Caribbean and India, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 June 1994).

Presentation of the working document entitled "Indicators and determinants of savings in Latin America and the Caribbean" at the seminar on long-term growth and development, organized jointly by the World Bank, UNCTAD and Complutense University of Madrid (Madrid, 11-13 July 1994).

Seminar on pension systems and options for reform, organized by the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Rio de Janeiro, 27-29 July 1994).

Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by LAIA, ECLAC and SELA (Quito, Ecuador, 10-11 October 1994).

Seminar on large investors, trends and opportunities, organized by FININVEST BANK (Miami, Florida, 13-14 October 1994).

Regional meeting of experts on the World Summit for Social Development, organized by SELA, UNESCO, the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO), and the Centre for Development Studies (CENDES) of Venezuela. Presentation of a report on the document entitled "La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales" (Caracas, 17-18 November 1994).

Presentation of a working document entitled "Componentes internos y externos de la inflación en Chile: un enfoque de cointegración" at the seminar on empirical analysis of inflation in Chile, organized by the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 25 November 1994).

National seminar on reform of pension systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Ministry of Finance and Pricing of Cuba (Havana, 10-13 January 1995).

Presentation on current pension system reforms at a tripartite workshop on social security alternatives, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and ILO (Asunción, Paraguay, 27-30 March 1995).

Presentation on regulation and supervision of the banking system at a conference organized by the Association of Peruvian Economists and the Catholic University of Chile (Lima, Peru, 3 April 1995).

Presentation on international capital flows and macroeconomic policy for the dialogue of high-level government officials on new orientations for international macroeconomic coordination: implications for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by SELA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (Bogotá, 22-25 May 1995).

Participation in the meeting of experts on the role of investment and financing in changing production patterns in Central America, organized by ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico and co-sponsored by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 3-4 July 1995).

Presentation on financial stability and reasonable supervision of the banking system, presented at the seminar on experience of socio-economic change in Latin America and problems encountered in stabilizing the social and economic situation in Russia, organized by the Latin America Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation and ECLAC (Moscow, 11-13 September 1995).

International seminar on international trade agreements: challenges and opportunities for Ecuador (Guayaquil, 14 September 1995, and Quito, 15 September 1995).

Nineteenth International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), organized by LASA (Washington, 28-29 September 1995).

Presentation on the promotion of saving and pension systems, presented at the seminar on the saving/investment process in the context of structural adjustment, organized by the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), the Central Bank of Brazil and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 6-7 November 1995).

Presentation at the regional seminar on basic social security versus social insurance: the challenge to the social policy of the Southern cone countries, organized by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) and the Information and Research Centre of Uruguay (CIESU), paper, "Models of funding for social security systems: introduction and general overview" (Montevideo, Uruguay 3-8 December 1995).

Presentation on promoting savings and investment systems in Latin America, given at the twenty-third National Economics Symposium and the twenty-seventh Brazilian Econometrics Symposium, organized by the National Economic Research Association of Brazil (ANPEC) (Salvador, Brazil, 12-15 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Inter-American Centre for Tax and Financial Administration (CITAF), on the subject of trade policy in Latin America.

With the National University of Central Buenos Aires Province, in relation to its master's programme in international relations.

Brazil

With the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare, for the purpose of analysing two proposals for social welfare reform and promoting an exchange of academic studies and experiences at the international level on options for reforming pension systems.

Brazil and the United States

With the Economic Research Center of Florida International University and the Ministry of Social Welfare of Brazil, for the purposes of analysing the current status of pension reform in Latin America and its connection with saving and investment in the region.

Costa Rica

With the Costa Rican Union of Chambers and Associations of Private Enterprise and UNDP, in connection with the Forum on Alternatives for Reforming Pension Systems.

Chile

With the Central Bank of Chile, on regulation of the banking system and subordinated debt, for the purpose of advising the chairman of the Central Bank and the Directors in charge of renegotiating the subordinated debt that several banks owe to the Central Bank.

El Salvador

With the Central Reserve Bank and the Economic Cabinet, on a bill to reform banking law in El Salvador.

Honduras

With the Government of Honduras and the ECLAC/Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) meeting of experts on investment in Central America, under project HON/93/009, "Support for macroeconomic and financial management of national accounts by the Central Bank of Honduras".

With the Central Bank, on policies on reserve requirements and open-market operations, under project HON/93/009.

Russian Federation

With the Latin American Institute of the Academy of Sciences, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the State Duma (the lower chamber of the supreme legislative body), under project RUS/90/S03, "The foreign economic policy of Russia and its implications for Latin America and the Caribbean".

iv) Training and fellowships

Preparation of teaching materials for the second module on population, and development policies and programmes of the ECLAC/CELADE Post-Graduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, July 1994).

Classes on public policies given in the second international course on economic reforms and strategic public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 3 September-20 October 1994).

Classes on the theory of international trade and monetary and financial policy given in the master's programme in economics offered by the Carleton University (Canada) and the University of Havana (Cuba), under the ECLAC cooperation agreement with the University of Havana (Havana, 10-25 April 1995).

Classes on Latin America's linkages with the global economy, given in the master's programme on development in Latin America offered by the International University of Andalucía (La Rábida, Spain, 17 April-16 June 1995).

Classes on the capital movements, given in the course on Bolivia and prospects for the internati economy organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies, Universidad Mayor de San Si (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 10-13 July 1995).

Classes on international trade statistics, given in the international course offered by the In American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 July 1995).

Classes given in the third international course on public policies, economic reforms and strate public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 4 November-5 December 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 6: NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

The work of what is now the Natural Resources and Energy Unit is focused on addressing issues of institutional management, defining the roles of the State, particularly in regard to privatization and regulation, contributing to the design and application of public policies for integrated natural resource management and providing support for the regional implementation of international environmental agreements which relate to natural resource management.

In the area of water resources, two meetings of experts were convened at the regional level, in collaboration with UNEP, to study the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resource management in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC headquarters, March 1994 and December 1995) and to discuss the application of the recommendations contained in chapter 18 and other relevant chapters. The meetings dealt in particular with public policies for sustainable development in relation to water resources, integrated watershed management, water legislation, privatization of utilities and the market for water. In addition, the Unit organized, in conjunction with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a regional seminar-workshop on private-sector participation in water enterprises (ECLAC headquarters, October 1995). The Unit continued to provide support to the network for cooperation in integrated water resource management for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, set up four years ago by agencies in charge of managing water resources in the region; the Unit's contribution entailed helping to organize courses and providing advisory services.

In the area of marine resources, the emphasis continued to be placed on the themes of chapter 17 of Agenda 21 (protection of the oceans and seas of all kinds) and other related chapters, such as those concerning biodiversity and the transportation of hazardous products and wastes. In the area of ocean policy, the mandates of the international regime were applied to subsequent negotiations (high-seas fisheries, the International Sea-Bed Authority, biodiversity, pollution of marine resources by land-based sources), taking into consideration social equity, the role of the State and the regulation of markets. Advisory assistance was provided to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay in formulating a strategy on coastal management and to the Chilean small-scale fishing industry in preparing fishery development projects.

In the area of hazardous wastes, the Unit's activities were in keeping with the mandates of General Assembly resolution 44/226, chapters 20 and 38 of Agenda 21 and ECLAC resolution 544(XXV). The Unit worked closely with the secretariat for the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in assisting the countries of the region to apply the Convention.

In the area of mineral resources, a regional seminar was organized on modernizing mining legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 14-16 November 1994). The Unit continued to compile and update information in its mining data bank, and to provide technical assistance and support to the Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI). In addition, Governments continued to receive support in the formulation of policies regarding small and medium-scale mining operations.

In the area of energy, a highlight was the organization of the seminar on the role of new and renewable sources of energy in the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean: the case for geothermal energy (Santiago, October 1995). ECLAC and the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) continued to carry out the project on support for the formulation of energy policies, with funding from the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ). The project covers a range of issues such as energy and equity, energy planning, energy and the environment, privatization and regulation.

i) Documents

Report on the meeting of the expert group responsible for studying the possible effects of climate change on the water resources of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 23-25 November 1993) (LC/R.1798(SEM.72/03)).

Report of the meeting of the regional group of experts on high seas fisheries (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 November 1993) (LC/G.1799).

Report of the group of experts on the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 16-18 March 1994) (LC/G.1827).

Agenda 21 and integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1830).

Report of the subregional meeting on coastal management in marine and coastal areas of high biodiversity in the Atlantic (Tamandaré, Brazil, 23-27 October 1994) (LC/G.1856).

Guide to water resources administration in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1875).

Hazardous products and wastes: impact of transboundary movement towards the Latin American and Caribbean region and possibilities for preventing and controlling it. Part Two. The role of ECLAC (LC/R.1303/Add.1).

High-seas fisheries and the interests of the coastal states of the region. An analysis of the upcoming negotiation from the perspective of social equity (LC/R.1314).

Agenda 21 and integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1316(SEM.76/03)).

El comercio internacional de productos minero-metalúrgicos de los países de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI) (LC/R.1338).

Los conceptos básicos utilizados en la conservación y ordenación de los recursos pesqueros: una invitación a la reflexión (LC/R.1339).

El desarrollo de la pequeña minería en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1364).

Sharing responsibility for river basin management (LC/R.1365).

La Convención Marco del Cambio Climático. Una aproximación a la luz de las prioridades de América Latina y el Caribe. Part I. El escenario actual (LC/R.1367).

La Convención Marco del Cambio Climático. Una aproximación a la luz de las prioridades de América Latina y el Caribe. Part II. Los posibles mecanismos de transferencia de la tecnología (LC/R.1367/Add.1).

Energía y transformación productiva con equidad: una guía metodológica para las estimaciones de demanda de energía en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1383).

Bases para la formulación de leyes referidas a recursos hídricos (LC/R.1387).

Políticas públicas para el desarrollo sustentable: la gestión integrada de cuencas (LC/R.1399).

Procedimientos de gestión para el desarrollo sustentable: un breve glosario (LC/R.1450).

Economía y ecología: dos ciencias y una responsabilidad frente a la naturaleza (LC/R.1457).

Los procesos naturales y artificiales en la transformación de la estructura productiva (LC/R.1459).

Energía y equidad (LC/R.1460).

Las reformas mineras y los desafíos de la globalización (LC/R.1464).

El dominio y soberanía de los recursos mineros y los regímenes actuales de concesiones en los países de América Latina y el Caribe y sus tendencias (LC/R.1466).

Mercados de derechos de agua: entorno legal (LC/R.1485).

La privatización en servicios públicos basados en agua (LC/R.1486).

Planes y marcos regulatorios para la gestión integrada de cuencas (LC/R.1487).

El desarrollo sustentable de las zonas costeras y marinas: de la parte XII de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Derecho del Mar al capítulo 17 del Programa 21 (LC/R.1488).

La sostenibilidad del desarrollo oceánico a partir de la Plataforma de Tlatelolco sobre el medio ambiente y el desarrollo: Opciones para la formulación de una política nacional en el área (LC/R.1490).

Estudio sobre el comportamiento de las empresas eléctricas en Chile (LC/R.1491).

Estudio sobre la reforma del sector energético en Chile (LC/R.1493).

Reestructuración energética y desarrollo sustentable: el caso del sector eléctrico chileno (LC/R.1494/Rev.1).

El sector eléctrico y el mercado de capitales en Chile (LC/R.1496).

Control del Estado y gestión empresarial en el sector eléctrico de Chile (LC/R.1497).

Análisis de la competitividad en la generación eléctrica. El caso de Chile (LC/R.1498).

Reestructuración del mercado eléctrico en América Latina: la difusión de la experiencia chilena (LC/R.1499).

Informe del Seminario regional sobre la modernización de la legislación minera en América Latina y el Caribe (Havana, Cuba, 14-16 November 1994) (LC/R.1500).

Establecimiento de una política energética basada en el funcionamiento de mercados competitivos y en la participación privada. La experiencia de Chile (LC/R.1502).

Legal implications concerning the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in developing countries: Peru (LC/R.1525).

Análisis de los efectos de la política energética sobre la equidad: el caso de El Salvador (LC/R.1564).

El Convenio de Basilea: un escenario urgente para la cooperación regional (LC/R.1567).

La política de uso eficiente de la energía: ¿es el mercado el motor de dicha política? (LC/R.1569).

Private participation in the provision of water services. Volume I. Alternative means for private participation in the provision of water services (LC/R.1576).

Regulación estatal en el manejo de recursos pesqueros (LC/R.1591).

Incorporación de progreso técnico en la minería de América Latina: los casos del cobre y el oro (LC/R.1592).

Comercio intrarregional y complementariedad en la industria de cobre latinoamericano (LC/R.1593).

Materiales avanzados: relaciones de competencia y complementación con los metales (LC/R.1594).

El papel del Estado en la conservación y uso sostenible de la biodiversidad costera y marina. Parts I and II (LC/R.1595).

El Plan de Acción PNUMA/CPPS para la protección del medio marino y las áreas costeras del Pacífico Sudeste: una mirada a la luz de los resultados de la Conferencia de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Medio Ambiente y el Desarrollo y su ampliación a los países del Istmo Centroamericano (LC/R.1596).

La prohibición de exportar desechos peligrosos desde los países de la OCDE al mundo en desarrollo: la decisión II/12 del Convenio de Basilea y la contribución de la CEPAL (LC/R.1597).

El Convenio sobre la Diversidad Biológica y los principios del Derecho del Mar: hacia un marco jurídico para la biodiversidad de los mares y océanos (LC/R.1598).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting of the group of experts on the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 16-18 March 1994).

Technical meeting of experts from countries of the region which are party to the Basel Convention (Geneva, Switzerland, 17-18 March 1994).

Subregional meeting on coastal management in marine and coastal areas of high biodiversity in the Atlantic (Tamandaré, Brazil, 23-27 October 1994).

Regional seminar on modernizing mining legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 14-16 November 1994).

National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of Chile (ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project) (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 May 1995).

National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of El Salvador (ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project) (San Salvador, El Salvador, 27-30 June 1995).

National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of Colombia (ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project) (Bogotá, Colombia, 26-27 September 1995).

Regional seminar-workshop on private-sector participation in water utilities, organized by the American Society of Civil Engineers with the collaboration of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 4-6 October 1995).

Regional seminar on the role of new and renewable sources of energy in the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean: the case for geothermal energy (Santiago, Chile, 18-20 October 1995).

Meeting of the group of experts on the implementation of Agenda 21 with regards to integrated water resource management in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with UNEP (Santiago, Chile, 12-14 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Second session of the Committee on Natural Resources of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (New York, 22 February-4 March 1994).

Latin American and Caribbean regional Meeting on Desertification, organized by FAO (Santiago, Chile, 3-6 May 1994).

First Regional Congress on "Local advances in quality of life", organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay (Montevideo, Uruguay, 5 June 1994).

International seminar on the adoption of an effective regime for the conservation of living resources in areas adjacent to exclusive economic zones, organized by the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7-9 June 1994).

Twenty-third Pan American Engineering Convention - round table on financial engineering and globalization of markets, organized by the National Water Commission (Acapulco, Mexico, 1-5 July 1994).

National workshop on biodiversity, organized by the National Department of the Environment of Uruguay and the World Resources Institute (Montevideo, Uruguay, July 1994).

Second international workshop on regional approaches to the development and administration of reservoirs in the River Plate basin: focus on reservoir management, organized by the International Lake Environment Committee, UNEP and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7-19 August 1994).

International seminar on regulation: energy, the environment and financing, organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, 17-20 August 1994).

Seminar on progress and prospects for the environmentally sound management of urban and industrial wastes, organized by the Joint ECLAC/UNEP Development and Environment Unit (Santiago, Chile, 30 August-2 September 1994).

Seminar on water legislation: an integrated approach, organized by the World Bank (Washington, D.C., 8-9 September 1994).

Second international meeting of legal experts on Latin America and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, organized by the Permanent South Pacific Commission (Lima, Peru, 13-16 September 1994).

Fourth session of the Interagency Steering Committee on Water Supply and Sanitation and the fifteenth session of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources, organized by United Nations Headquarters (Washington, D.C., 19-23 September 1994).

Forum on privatization of water, integrated watershed management and the environment, organized by the Charter of Lima (Lima, Peru, 28-29 September de 1994).

Fourth meeting of the consultative committee for the Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management, organized by OAS and the South-West Florida Water Management District (St. Petersburg, Florida, 26-29 October 1994).

Twenty-fourth Inter-American Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, organized by the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1-3 November 1994).

Second Latin American Congress on Watershed Management, organized by FAO (Mérida, Venezuela, 6-11 November 1994).

Workshop for the national implementation of the Basel Convention, organized by the Ministry of Health of Chile (Las Vertientes, Santiago, Chile, 14-16 November 1994).

Ninth national seminar on marine science and technology and Latin American Marine Science Congress, organized by the Colombian Oceanography Commission and the Colombian Fund for Scientific Research and Special Projects (Medellín, Colombia, 21-26 November 1994).

First International Congress of Agricultural Engineering, organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Concepción (Chillán, Chile, 24-26 November 1994).

International workshop on defining a research agenda on sustainable development, organized by the Alexandre de Gusãmo Foundation and the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27-28 November 1994).

Roundtable on energy integration: problems and solutions, as part of the seminar entitled "MERCOSUR: pathways to integration", organized by the Science and Culture Forum of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2-8 April 1995).

Seminar on the treatment and reuse of urban wastewater, organized by the World Bank and the Metropolitan Sanitary Works Company (EMOS) (Santiago, Chile, 8-12 May 1995).

Seminar on financing mining investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Latin American Mining Organization (Mexico City, 22-26 April 1995).

World Congress on Geothermal Energy, organized by the International Geothermal Association (Florence, Italy, 18-26 May 1995).

Subregional seminar on the application of the Basel Convention in Central America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, El Salvador, 30 May-2 June 1995).

Meeting of experts from countries of the South-East Pacific for technical and legal analysis of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in relation to the marine environment, organized by the Permanent South Pacific Commission and UNEP (Bogotá, Colombia, 12-16 June 1995).

First National Congress on Water Management and Sanitation and first round of provincial workshops in support of institutional planning for water resource management, organized by the Office of the Under-Secretary for the Environment and the Municipality of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina 14-17 June 1995).

Second Latin American and Caribbean Energy Conference (ENERLAC 95), organized by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) (Quito, Ecuador, 18-26 June 1995).

Roundtable on the prepared water law, organized by the Catholic University of Peru (Lima, Peru, 7-9 August 1995).

Intergovernmental meeting on sustainable development of mountain areas in Latin America, organized by the International Potato Centre (Lima, Peru, 8-11 August 1995).

Address on the contribution of the marine sciences to the sustainable development of coastal and marine resources, at the ceremony to commemorate the twenty-fourth anniversary of the National Oceanographic Committee of Chile (Valparaíso, Chile, 29 September 1995).

Regional meeting on the generation of electricity from biomass, organized by the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Forest Products Division and the Environment and Sustainable Development Coordinating Unit of FAO headquarters and the National Department of Energy of Uruguay (Montevideo, Uruguay, 24-25 October 1995).

EXPOGEOMIN 95 and the Latin American Congress of Geology, organized by the Mining Association of Venezuela and the Ministry of Energy and Mines (Caracas, Venezuela, 5-10 November 1995).

Twenty-sixth Meeting of Ministers organized by the Latin American energy Organization (OLADE) (Quito, Ecuador, 10-11 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Technical assistance at the regional level in the form of preparation of a preliminary draft of a regional agreement in line with the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

Support for the Sustainable Cities Programme of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and UNDP and for the Ministerial Secretariat of Housing and Urban Development of Chile, in the preparation of land development plans (Concepción, Chile, 12 December 1995).

Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI)

With OLAMI, in the development of policies to increase the competitiveness of Latin America's mining sector.

Permanent South Pacific Commission (CPPS)

Technical support for the general secretariat of the Permanent South Pacific Commission in the evaluation of the joint UNEP/CPPS plan of action for the protection of the marine environment and coastal areas of the south-east pacific.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

In the preparation of the report, "Sustainable development and the environment in the Andes".

In the discussion of a projected proposal on water policy.

Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)

In matters relating to the joint ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project on energy and development.

Argentina

With the Mendoza Department of Irrigation, the National University at Cuyo and the Institute of Energy Policy in the area of legislation on pollution control, planning and sustainable development of the Mendoza river basin and institutional modernization.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, in the updating of environmental act law and regulations, with a view to environmental management and the prevention and control of air and water pollution.

Bolivia and Peru

Support for the Transition Committee of the Lake Titicaca Binational Authority, in the planning and design of the by-laws of the Autonomous Binational Authority for Lake Titicaca, Desaguadero River, Poopo Lake and the Coipasa Salt Flats.

Brazil

With the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and the Amazon Treaty Region, in the areas of water resource management, water legislation (including environmental impact and management), water-related public services, financial aspects of water resource management, management of river basins and coastal areas and the formulation of a training programme on water resources.

Chile

With the Bío-Bío Regional Council, in the implementation of a regional strategy for sustainable development of micro-regions and river basins.

With the National Small-scale Fisheries Association of Chile (CONAPACH), in the formulation of a project on the bases for planning and administering benthic resource management areas.

With the Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Housing and Urban Development of Region VII, in applying management methods for sustainable development of micro-regions and river basins.

With the Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Housing and Urban Development of Region VIII, on the project, "Management of sustainable development of the greater municipal area of Concepción".

With the Ministry of Health, on the application of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

With the National Energy Commission, on a regulatory framework for the energy sector and its relationship with capital markets, projecting the demand for energy and evaluating energy reforms.

With the Legal Office of the Ministry of Mining, on regulations for offshore mining in the international sea-bed and ocean floor area, defined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and on the prevailing international situation in the wake of the agreement modifying Part XI of the Convention.

With the Ministry of Public Works and the National Environment Commission, in the areas of water legislation, a joint proposal on the importance of water to the issue of the environment and the privatization of water utilities.

China

With the Ministry of Water Resources, on water resource legislation.

Costa Rica

With the Costa Rican Institute of Drinking Water and Sewerage Systems, in the privatization of drinking water and sanitation utilities and in the development of a related training programme.

Cuba and Venezuela

With government authorities, on mining legislation.

Ecuador

With the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), on a regulatory framework and macroeconomic and social issues relating to the energy sector.

Guatemala

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, in the drafting of a bill on mining.

Honduras

With the Government, in the preparation of a plan of action for the development of the Sula river basin.

Mexico

With the Alumni Association of the Centre for Hydrosciences of Montecillo, Mexico, on the transfer of irrigation systems to users.

With the National Autonomous University of Mexico, on globalization and the restructuring of the energy sector in Latin America.

With the Federal Electricity Commission, on Latin America's experiences with regulatory frameworks and privatization of the energy sector.

With the Department of Mines, the Mineral Resources Council and the Mining Association of Mexico, on mining legislation in Latin America.

Nicaragua

With the Commission on Communications, Transportation and Energy of the National Assembly in Managua, on the drafting of oil and gas legislation.

Panama

With the Interoceanic Region Authority, on the management of watersheds and natural resources.

Peru

With the Ministry of Agriculture, on water resource management, administration and legislation.

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the National Mining and Petroleum Association, on mining legislation and foreign investment.

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Congressional Commission on Energy and Mines, in the drafting of legislation on geothermal energy.

With Petróleos del Peru (PETROPERU) and the National Mining and Petroleum Association, on energy sector regulation and privatization alternatives.

With the Economic Research Consortium of Peru and the Congressional Commission on the Environment, on decentralizing management of natural resources.

With the Institute for the Peruvian Amazon and the National Institute for Natural Resources, in integrated watershed management and the formulation of plans for the management of watersheds.

With the Catholic University of Peru, in the privatization of water-related public services, institutional structure in watershed areas and the inclusion of topics related to mining and energy in the academic programmes offered by the Faculties of Law, Administration and Economics.

With the Lima Charter, the Lima Drinking Water and Sewerage Service and the Office of the Superintendent of Sanitation Services on legislation on water resources, privatization of water utilities and regulation of drinking water and sanitation services.

Uruguay

With the Department of the Environment, in training and technology transfer in relation to the Basel Convention, and in the organization of the regional meeting on the establishment of the system of centres for Latin America and the Caribbean scheduled for October 1995.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Energy and Mines, on mining legislation, and with the Mining Association of Venezuela, on the competitiveness and sustainability of the Latin American mining sector.

With the Electrical Development Foundation, the Venezuelan Investment Fund and Petróleos de Venezuela, on regulation and privatization of the energy sector.

With the Institute for the Conservation of the Lake Maracaibo River Basin, on institutional, technical, legal, economic and environmental issues related to the management of the Lake Maracaibo river basin.

With the Inter-American Center for Environmental and Territorial Development and Research and Hidrología Venezolana (HIDROVEN), on institutional, legal and administrative issues related to the delivery of water-related public services.

Yemen

With the National Water Resources Authority, on institutional and legal matters.

iv) Training and fellowships

A series of lectures were given on management procedures for sustainable development at the regional planning workshop, organized by the Regional Ministerial Secretariat for Planning and Coordination, Region XI, and attended by 35 Chilean professionals (Coyhaique, Chile, 5-7 April 1994).

Classes were given at the course-workshop on integrated watershed management, organized by the Jequetepeque Special Project, the Engineers' Association of Trujillo and the National Institute of Natural Resources and attended by 140 Peruvian professionals (Cajamarca, Peru, 5-7 May 1994).

Classes were given on community development, incorporating environmental topics, at the regional planning workshop organized by the Bío-Bío Regional Council and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) - UNCHS and attended by 25 Chilean professionals (Concepción, Chile, 6-8 June 1994).

Lectures were given on legislative and institutional issues related to water resource management at the seminar entitled "Water rights in light of the challenge of Agenda 21", organized by the Centre for Water Resource and Environment Economics, Legislation and Management (CELA), for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Uruguay (Mendoza, Argentina 26-30 September 1994).

Classes were given on integrated water resource management and its application to Latin America, water resource legislation, legal tools for protecting the environment and the importance of water-related public services, as part of a course on integrated water resource management organized by the Inter-American Center for Environmental and Territorial Development and Research (CIDIAT), for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Mérida, Venezuela, 10 October-4 November 1994).

Classes were given on methods and models of energy requirements and on analysing energy source substitution processes at the twenty-fourth Latin American Course on Energy Economics and Planning, organized by the Energy Economics Institute (IDEE), associated with the Bariloche Foundation, for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bariloche, Argentina, 13-18 October 1994).

Classes were given on the topics of the common heritage of mankind, Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and the concept of sustainable development and its implications for law, for the Post-Graduate Course in International Law on Natural Resources and the Environment, organized by the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile for participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, the United States and Venezuela.

Classes were given on management of watersheds and coastal areas for the Masters Programme in Economics, Natural Resources and the Environment offered by the University of Concepción; participants were drawn from Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama and Peru (Concepción, Chile, 13-15 July 1995 and 21 September 1995).

Classes were given on natural resources management in the fourth Course on Desertification and Sustainable Development, organized by FAO for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela (Montecillo, Mexico, 4-7 September 1995).

Classes were given on methods and models of energy requirements, analysis of energy source substitution processes and the formulation of a prospective scenario for determining the energy demands of the transportation sector, as part of the twenty-fifth Latin American Course on Energy Economics and Planning organized by the Energy Economics Institute (IDEE) for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bariloche, Argentina, 9-13 October 1995).

A course on management procedures for sustainable development and integrated watershed management was organized by the National Forestry Corporation of Chile, Region IV, for participants from the north of Chile (La Serena, Chile, 16-18 October 1995).

Classes were given on models of sustainable development and their applications, as part of the Post-Graduate Course on Environmental Studies organized by the Latin American Faculty of Environmental Sciences (FLACAM) for participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (La Plata, Argentina, 15-18 November 1995).

Classes were given in a regional course on integrated watershed management as a means of achieving sustainable development, organized by the National Watershed Management Network of Peru (Piura, Peru, 14-20 December 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 7: ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The Joint ECLAC/UNEP Development and Environment Unit devoted its efforts to two projects and activities in four other areas.

The ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project entitled "Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management" continued into its second phase, and work was completed on activities in Argentina, Colombia and Chile. The project assisted in the formulation of integrated waste management policies, with special emphasis on the institutional and legal framework, technological policy and urban planning, which are all dealt with in a preliminary document prepared in the second half of 1995.

Activity in the area of international trade and the environment revolved mainly around a seminar on free trade agreements (March 1994), with the participation of experts from Mexico, the United States, Canada and Chile; a document was published on the subject, and the Unit participated in several seminars.

A seminar on information for environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean was organized and held in June 1995.

Activities under the ECLAC/UNEP project, "Application of economic policy instruments for environmental management and sustainable development in selected Latin American and Caribbean countries", were carried out in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and the Central American subregion (Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala). In 1995, agreements were concluded with national institutions and a number of consultancy missions were carried out to identify the socio-economic forces in each country that affect the processes of soil erosion, deforestation, declining biodiversity and deterioration of inland waters. In addition, work was completed on diagnostic analyses and proposals on economic policy instruments to deal with these processes. In this regard, a regional seminar was held on economic instruments for environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean (July 1995).

Work in the area of public policy and agricultural development took the form of participation in conferences and symposiums.

In the area of technical cooperation, during the first half of 1995 the Joint ECLAC/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) Unit on Human Settlements wound up phase I of project HOL/90/S38, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America", which was financed by the Government of the Netherlands and was extremely well received in the countries that participated in this phase.

During the same period, activities under the new project HOL/93/S83 entitled "Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean" got under way in several countries, and phase II of the project "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America" was begun, this time financed by the Government of Italy.

In the area of intergovernmental cooperation, the Unit collaborated with the ministerial commission in preparation for the fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean and with the Government of Spain in establishing themes for consideration in the regional plan of action on human settlements 1996-2000, following up studies allocated to eight countries on specific subjects, and placing priority matters relating to human settlements in the region on the agenda of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Bariloche, Argentina. In its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector, the Unit also collaborated with the Government of Ecuador (Interim Secretariat) on the preparation of the agenda for the sixth meeting.

In relation to international conferences, the Unit was involved in organizing the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), which was held at ECLAC headquarters (November 1995) and in preparing working documents as a basis for discussion and the formulation of Latin America and the Caribbean positions in relation to Habitat II.

Technical studies included the design of indicators and models as an aid to decision-making in the field of human settlements and development of the corresponding statistical bases for the region.

The Unit also participated in numerous national, regional and world symposiums, seminars and conferences on various subjects relating to human settlements.

i) Documents

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Organización de la información y de los datos estadísticos en el campo del medio ambiente: propuestas metodológicas (LC/L.852).

Gestión urbana y de vivienda en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.865).

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Human settlements: the shelter of development (LC/L.906(CONF.85/3)).

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Impacto ambiental de residuos urbanos e industriales sobre los ecosistemas naturales (LC/R.1346).

Evaluación técnico-económica de los procesos de reciclaje de desechos domésticos: los casos del vidrio, papel y plástico (LC/R.1354).

Catastro global de los principales instrumentos de regulación ambiental aplicados en Chile para el manejo de los residuos sólidos domésticos e industriales (LC/R.1355).

Análisis económico de alternativas no contaminantes para curtiembres en Chile (LC/R.1356).

Ventajas y desventajas de los métodos Winvent e Invent para estimar cuantificaciones de residuos por industria (LC/R.1374).

Aplicabilidad de los principios "el que contamina, paga" y "precautorio" para la gestión ambiental de los residuos industriales sólidos de Colombia: un enfoque legal (LC/R.1388).

Aplicabilidad de los principios "el que contamina, paga" y "precautorio" para la gestión ambiental de los residuos industriales sólidos en el Municipio de Campinas, Estado de São Paulo, Brasil: un enfoque legal (LC/R.1389).

Aplicabilidad de los principios "el que contamina, paga" y "precautorio" para la gestión ambiental de los residuos industriales sólidos de la ciudad de Córdoba, Argentina: un enfoque legal (LC/R.1390).

Gestión urbana en ciudades medianas: el sistema de planeación. El caso de Ibagué (LC/R.1405).

Modelo de gestión urbana para ciudades intermedias en América Latina (LC/R.1406).

Modelo teórico-conceptual para la gestión urbana en ciudades medianas de América Latina (LC/R.1407).

Modelo de gestión ambiental a nivel municipal (LC/R.1413).

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Informe del Seminario Nacional de Derecho Ambiental. Aspectos Jurídicos de la Gestión Ambientalmente Adecuada de Residuos (Santiago de Chile, 7 de octubre de 1993) (LC/R.1419).

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Sistema de información para la gestión urbana en la ciudad de Córdoba, Argentina (LC/R.1422).

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Sistema de planeación para la gestión urbana en la ciudad de Ibagué, Colombia (LC/R.1424).

Gestión urbana territorial: propuestas técnicas para mejorar el proceso de zonificación de la ciudad de Córdoba, Argentina (LC/R.1425).

Políticas para la gestión ambientalmente adecuada de los residuos: el caso de los residuos sólidos urbanos e industriales en Chile a la luz de la experiencia internacional (LC/R.1428).

Aplicabilidad de los principios "el que contamina, paga" y "precautorio" para la gestión ambiental de los residuos industriales sólidos de la ciudad de Quito, Ecuador: un enfoque legal (LC/R.1433).

Report of the third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean (Quito, Ecuador, 16-18 November 1994) (LC/R.1470).

La evaluación del impacto ambiental y la gestión de residuos (LC/R.1508).

Nuevas experiencias en materia de planificación urbana y gestión ambiental. El caso de Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (LC/R.1509).

Gestão de residuos solidos industriais no Estado de São Paulo, Brasil (LC/R.1510).

Bibliografía sobre metodologías de estadísticas ambientales e indicadores del desarrollo sustentable; documento de avance (LC/R.1511).

Estimativa dos geradores de resíduos das micro e pequenas empresas do Município de Campinas (LC/R.1512).

Resíduos solidos dos serviços de saúde Município de Campinas (LC/R.1513 and Corr.1).

Instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental en Colombia (LC/R.1530).

Efectos de las políticas e instrumentos económicos sobre la sustentabilidad ambiental del recurso agua dulce en Chile y propuestas de líneas de acción (LC/R.1531).

Políticas e instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental en Bolivia: visión global (LC/R.1532).

Bolivia: diagnóstico y uso potencial de instrumentos de regulación y económicos para la gestión de los recursos naturales renovables (LC/R.1533).

Análisis de las fuerzas socioeconómicas subyacentes tras la gestión ambiental. La experiencia boliviana (LC/R.1534).

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Los procesos de deterioro de bosques, suelos, biodiversidad y aguas continentales en México (LC/R.1541).

Instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental en la República Argentina: gestión y propuesta para la Provincia de Buenos Aires (LC/R.1542).

Instrumentos fiscales y no fiscales en la gestión ambiental en México: marco general y recurso de agua dulce (LC/R.1543).

Gestión ambiental en Chile: relación entre las políticas de desarrollo y los procesos de desforestación, deterioro del suelo y pérdida de la biodiversidad (LC/R.1544).

Fuerzas socioeconómicas condicionantes de cuatro procesos de degradación ambiental en Argentina: erosión del suelo, desforestación, pérdida de biodiversidad y contaminación hídrica (LC/R.1545).

Diagnóstico y análisis de las potencialidades de la aplicación de instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental de la República de Guatemala (LC/R.1546).

Diagnóstico y análisis de las potencialidades de la aplicación de instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental de la República de Costa Rica (LC/R.1547).

Diagnóstico y análisis de las potencialidades de la aplicación de instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental de la República de El Salvador (LC/R.1548).

Estrategia: aplicación de instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental en Guatemala, El Salvador y Costa Rica (LC/R.1549).

Aplicación de instrumentos económicos para la gestión ambiental y el desarrollo sostenible en la República Dominicana (LC/R.1551).

Inventario ambiental de la región de Magallanes, Chile (LC/R.1553).

Balance económico del patrimonio natural de la Región de Magallanes, Chile (LC/R.1554).

Informe final del Coloquio sobre Información e Indicadores de Medio Ambiente para los Países de América Latina y el Caribe (Santiago, Chile, 27-29 June 1995) (LC/R.1556).

La regulación del manejo de desechos en Alemania (LC/R.1570).

Aspectos jurídicos de la gestión ambiental municipal en Europa (LC/R.1571).

La auditoría ambiental y la transparencia de las empresas (LC/R.1572).

Medidas precautorias y sustentabilidad: ¿dos caras de la misma moneda? (LC/R.1573).

El sector informal urbano desde la perspectiva de género: el caso de México (LC/R.1579).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting on a proposal for environmental management by the municipalities in the Metropolitan Region (Santiago, Chile, 19-20 January 1994).

Seminar on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other free trade agreements: an environmental perspective (Santiago, Chile, 29-30 March 1994).

Meeting of the advisory committee for phase II of ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project FRG/92/S06, "Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management" (Santiago, Chile, 23-24 June 1994).

Seminars on environmental law under phase II of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/92/S06: the first organized in collaboration with the Municipal Prefecture of Campinas (Campinas, Brazil, 18 August 1994); and the second in collaboration with the Municipality of Córdoba, the Legal and Social Research Centre, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Association for the Development of Environmental Management (ADEGA) (Córdoba, Argentina, 23-25 August 1994).

Second regional seminar on progress and prospects for environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste (Santiago, Chile, 30 August-1 September 1994) (part of phase II of ECLAC/GTZ project FRG/92/S06).

Seminars on changing housing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, Peru, 9-11 November 1994; Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 5-7 December 1994) (part of project HOL/93/S83, "Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean").

Symposium on environmental information and indicators for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with the Government of France (Santiago, Chile, 27-29 June 1995).

Regional seminar on economic instruments for environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with UNEP and the Mexican Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (Oaxtepec, State of Morelos, Mexico, 18-20 July 1995).

Third subregional seminar under project HOL/93/S83, "Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean" (La Paz, Bolivia, 17-19 August 1995).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), organized by ECLAC and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Santiago, Chile, 13-17 November 1995).

Fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC, the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile, co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 November 1995).

Fourth subregional seminar under project HOL/93/S83, "Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean" (Havana, Cuba, 6-8 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Fourth seminar on control and treatment of solid and liquid industrial waste, organized by the National Professional Training Institute (INACAP) (Santiago, Chile, 5-6 January 1994).

Expert group meeting on urban indicators, organized by UNEP (Nairobi, Kenya, 10-14 January 1994).

Nineteenth general meeting of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994).

Technical consultative meeting of experts from countries of the region which are parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Geneva, Switzerland, 17-18 March 1994).

Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (Geneva, Switzerland, 21-26 March 1994).

Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Geneva, Switzerland, 16-18 April 1994).

International seminar, "Urban and regional policy: a challenge and a commitment", organized by Forestal Valparaíso and Harvard University (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 May 1994).

Second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York City, 16-27 May 1994).

First Brazilian Congress on Environmental Analysis, organized by the Centre for International Cooperation on Agricultural Research for Development and the University of São Paulo (São Paulo, 22-28 May 1994).

Inter-American seminar on environmental accounting and natural resources, organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Centre (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 30 May 1994).

Seminar on urban management in medium-sized cities, organized by the Municipality of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 30-31 May 1994).

Inter-American seminar on environmental accounting and natural resources, organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Centre (CIENES) and the Department of Regional Development and Environment of OAS (Santiago, Chile, 30 May-10 June 1994).

Workshop on reform of government policies related to conservation and management of forest resources in Latin America, organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Centre for International Forestry Research (Washington, D.C., 1-3 June 1994).

Conference on the participation of economic and social agents, key factor in the development of cities, organized by the Ibero-American Centre for Strategic Urban Development (CIDEU) and the Greater Metropolitan Area of Cartagena (Cartagena, Colombia, 4-5 June 1994).

Third international symposium on curriculum in the twenty-first century: environment, human rights and education, organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Mexico City, 6-11 June 1994).

Seminar-workshop on relations between non-governmental organizations and municipalities in the context of local development programmes, organized by JUNDEP, Private Corporation for Social Development (La Serena, Chile, 15-17 June 1994).

Seminar on the metropolis and its waste: a clear conflict, organized by the Environmental Conflict Observatory (Santiago, Chile, 17 June 1994).

Course on environmental management at the municipal level: a participatory focus, organized by the Corporation for Research and Environmental Management for Development (CEGADES) (Santiago, Chile, 20 June-1 July 1994).

Seminar-workshop of specialists on decentralization in Latin America, organized by the Latin American chapter of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) and the Latin American Centre for Local Government Training and Development (CELCADEL) (Córdoba, Argentina, 18-21 July 1994).

Seminar on the masterplan for solid waste of the Metropolitan Region of São Paulo, organized by the Environmental Sanitation Technologies Company (CETESB) of the State of São Paulo (São Paulo, Brazil, 19 July 1994).

Seminar on the environment, organized by the Diplomatic Academy of Chile, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Santiago, Chile, 28 July 1994).

Symposium, "Dialogue on the development of Chiloé", organized by the Diocese of Ancud (Ancud, Chile, 5-7 August 1994).

Consultative expert group meetings on the valuation of environmental and natural resources and on the use and application of economic policy instruments for environmental management and sustainable development, organized by UNEP (Nairobi, Kenya, 8-10 August 1994).

National Forum on the Development of Environmental Education (PRODAM) convened by the Centre for Pedagogical Development, Experimentation and Research of the Chilean Ministry of Public Education (Santiago, Chile, 22 August 1994).

First World Congress of Agricultural Professionals, organized by the Association of Agricultural Engineers of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5-9 September 1994).

Discussion meeting on environmental conflicts in Chile: how to deal with them and channel them, organized by the Environmental Research and Planning Centre (CIPMA) (Santiago, Chile, 15 September 1994).

Cross-sectoral meeting of task managers on sustainable development, organized by the office of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York City, 20 September 1994).

Seminar, "In search of sustainable cities" - Third Colombia International Habitat Symposium, organized by the Colombia Hábitat Symposium Foundation (Pereira, Colombia, 20-24 September 1994).

International seminar on atmospheric pollution, entitled "Air quality assessment: modelling and monitoring", organized by the Embassy of Sweden and the Special Commission on Pollution Control in the Metropolitan Area of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, 14 October 1994).

International seminar on production of knowledge and public policies: gender studies, organized by the Centre for Women's Studies (CEM) (Santiago, Chile, 17-19 October 1994).

Meeting of experts on strengthening capacity to govern and State reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the United Nations Department for Development Support and Management Services (DSMS) and the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) (Caracas, Venezuela, 18-20 October 1994).

Meeting on the plan for decontamination of Talcahuano Bay, organized by the Regional Environment Commission (COREMA) for Region VIII, a body of the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Talcahuano, Chile, 24 October 1994).

Fourth Latin American Forum on Housing Policies, organized by the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24-26 October 1994).

International seminar-workshop on integrated management of waste water, organized by the Production Development Corporation (CORFO) and the Technological Research Institute (INTEC), with the Swedish Cooperation Agency for the International Development of Enterprises (SWEDECORP), sponsored by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 October 1994).

International seminar-workshop on education and information on the environment and population for sustainable human development, organized by the UNFPA Support Team, Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the UNESCO Regional Office for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 3-11 November 1994).

Sixth seminar of the Latin American Centre for Housing Statistics, on financing low-income housing: experiences and alternatives in Latin America, organized by the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI), the Latin American Centre for Housing Statistics (CELEH), and the Regional Housing and Urban Development Office for South America of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (Quito, Ecuador, 14-15 November 1994).

Meeting on environmental indicators of sustainable development for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 17-18 November 1994).

Third workshop of specialists in the development of criteria for the environmental impact assessment system, organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 22 November 1994).

International seminar-workshop on integrated management of waste water, organized by the Technological Research Institute (INTEC) (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 November 1994).

International conference on the market and intelligent design: quality, efficiency and the environment, organized by the Energy Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 28-29 November 1994).

Workshop to exchange experiences on environmental impact assessment in various countries of Latin America, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the National Environment Commission (Santiago, Chile, 29 November-2 December 1994).

Seminar on the urban environment, organized by the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and the Amazon Treaty Region with UNDP (Brasilia, 6-7 December 1994).

Seminar on future challenges to environmental policy in Chile and Spain, organized by the Ministry of Public Works and the National Environment Commission (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 December 1994).

Workshop on indicators of sustainable development, organized by the Ministry of the Brazilian Environment and the Amazon Treaty Region (Brasilia, 7-9 December 1994).

Third meeting of the working group on governability, participation and the environment, preparatory to the fifth scientific symposium on the environment, organized by the Environmental Research and Planning Centre (CIPMA) (Santiago, Chile, 12 December 1994).

Seminar on environmental experience in the NAFTA negotiations, organized by the American Chamber of Commerce of Chile (AMCHAM) and Gabriela Mistral University (Santiago, Chile, 14 December 1994).

Coquimbo-Atacama interregional seminar on international liberalization and regional challenges, organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the University of La Serena (La Serena, Chile, 15-16 December 1994).

Seminar on trade liberalization and regional challenges, organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of La Serena (La Serena, Chile, 15-16 December 1994).

Seminar-workshop on waste management in the Metropolitan Region of Santiago, organized by the National Environment Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Public Works, the Regional Secretariat for Planning and Coordination and the Metropolitan Environmental Health Service (Santiago, Chile, 19 January 1995).

First meeting of the Inter-sessional Committee of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by UNEP (Mexico City, 23-24 January 1995).

Expert group meeting on indicators for sustainable development, organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, in cooperation with the Statistical Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations (New York City, 14-15 February 1995).

Seminar on sustainable development in the economy of Latin America, organized by the Business Council for Sustainable Development (CECODES) and the Latin American Corporation for International Economics (CLADEI) (Bogotá, Colombia, 21-22 March 1995).

Expert meeting on the environment of Latin America in the twenty-first century, organized by Harvard University, the College of Mexico and UNEP (Boston, Massachusetts, 22-24 March 1995).

Meeting to discuss the results of the study, "Patterns of cooperation in the progressive housing programme", organized by the Centre for Social Studies and Education (SUR) (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 March 1995).

Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Sustainable Agriculture, organized by the Earth Council and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Santiago, Chile, 27-30 March 1995).

Conference on indicators for urban policies, organized by OECD (Rennes, France, 3-4 April 1995).

Seminar on sustainable development: current and future challenges for Chile, organized by the Centre for Natural Resource and Environmental Economics of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7 April 1995).

Meeting preparatory to the fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and the Environment of Spain and the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador (Madrid, Spain, 17-18 April 1995).

National symposium on housing policy, organized by the Department of Social Development of the Office of the President (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 18-19 April 1995).

Twenty-third Inter-American Conference on Housing, organized by the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI) (Santiago, Chile, 23-28 April 1995).

Second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Nairobi, Kenya, 25 April-5 May 1995).

Fifteenth session of the Commission on Human Settlements, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Nairobi, Kenya, 25 April-1 May 1995).

Seminar on NAFTA and the environment, organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) and the Chilean Ministry of Finance (Santiago, Chile, 25 April 1995).

Meeting of the Regional Council of the Intendancy (Office of the Regional Governor) of Region XII (Punta Arenas, Chile, 27 April 1995).

First seminar to discuss the project of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of the Government of Chile, "Formulation of a proposal for an integrated policy on the management and control of industrial pollution", organized by the National Environment Commission (CONAMA) (Santiago, Chile, 28 April 1995).

Seminar on a policy proposal and plan of action for controlling industrial solid waste pollution, organized by TESAM S.A., the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction and the National Environment Commission (Santiago, Chile, 28 April 1995).

Meeting on the environmental consequences of the globalization process in Latin America, organized by the Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 9-10 May 1995).

Seminar-workshop on urban environmental management, organized by the Technical University of Magdalena (Santa Marta, Colombia, 24-28 May 1995).

Seminar on the experience of Latin America in environmental protection, organized by the Danish Industrial Federation (Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 May-3 June 1995).

Second Ajusco Foro on sustainable development and Latin American metropolitan areas, organized by the College of Mexico A.C. and the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 31 May-2 June 1995).

Seminar entitled, "Industrial solid waste: a problem for today or for tomorrow?", organized by the Chilean chapter of the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, in collaboration with ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 1-2 June 1995).

Seminar-workshop on environmental sustainability of economic growth, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 June 1995).

First symposium on methods of financing housing for low- and medium-income resource sectors, organized by the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI), the Banco Nacional Hipotecario of Panama and UNDP (Panama City, 7-9 June 1995).

Second meeting of the National Preparatory Committee for Habitat II, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (Santiago, Chile, 9 June 1995).

International symposium on local and regional development planning and management in the context of the new role of local governments after decentralization reforms, organized by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) (São Paulo, Brazil, 28-30 June 1995).

Third meeting of the National Preparatory Committee for Habitat II, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7 July 1995).

Fifth National Forum on the Development of Environmental Education (PRODAM) organized by the Centre for Pedagogical Development, Experimentation and Research (CPEIP) of the Ministry of Public Education (Santiago, Chile, 24 July 1995).

Second expert group meeting on indicators of sustainable development, organized by the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development (New York City, 25-26 July 1995).

Workshop on trade and the environment, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 26-27 July 1995).

Second Latin American and Caribbean Conference of Non-governmental Organizations on the Urban Environment and the eleventh meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Institutions of Housing, Management and the Urban Environment, organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Latin American chapter of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) and the Inter-American Housing Union (UNIAPRAVI) (Quito, Ecuador, 2-4 August 1995).

Workshop on the environmental dimension of productive development, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 4 August 1995).

Seminar on minimizing waste, organized by the Pan American Centre for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (Bogotá, Colombia, 14-18 August 1995).

General meeting of the Pan American Network for Environmental Waste Management (Bogotá, Colombia, 18 August 1995).

Seminar-workshop on minimizing waste, organized by the Pan American Centre for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Bogotá, Colombia, 15-17 August 1995).

Conference on the environmental identity of Chile, organized by the Engineering Faculty of Federico Santa María Technical University (Valparaíso, Chile, 23 August 1995).

Second meeting on solid waste management in the Southern Cone and symposium on urban solid waste management, organized by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the Metropolitan Area Ecological Coordination Centre (CEAMSE) and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 5-8 September 1995).

Meeting of the Development and Sustainability Area, organized by the National Symposium Commission for Habitat II (Santiago, Chile, 6 September 1995).

Symposium on urban solid waste management, organized by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7 September 1995).

Panel on international trade and employment: the Chilean experience, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 8 September 1995).

International seminar on the challenges of the informal city, organized by the Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (AVSI), the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais and the Institute for Cooperation and Social Development (Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 11-15 September 1995).

Central American conference, "The citizen's commitment in the construction of cities", organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS-Habitat) and the Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements of Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica, 12-13 September 1995).

Seminar on an air quality management system for Santiago, organized by the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile, sponsored by the National Environment Commission, Metropolitan Region, and ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 13 September 1995).

Seminar on the impact of NAFTA on the Bío-Bío Region, organized by the Catholic University of the Immaculate Conception (Concepción, Chile, 13 September 1995).

Conference on environmental policy in MERCOSUR: drawing on the experiences of European integration, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-15 September 1995).

International seminar on the United Nations and the new world economic and political order: a Brazilian perspective, organized by the Brazilian Institute of Economics of the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 18-19 September 1995).

Meeting of the Development and Sustainability Area, organized by the National Symposium Commission for Habitat II (Santiago, Chile, 20 September 1995).

Preparatory meeting of government-appointed high-level experts on the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 21-23 September 1995).

Ninth meeting of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 25-26 September 1995).

Caribbean subregional seminar preparatory to Habitat II, organized by the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Housing of Barbados (Barbados, 25-27 September 1995).

Pan American Congress, "A better quality of life", organized by the International Council for Caring Communities in collaboration with the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), the Programme on Ageing and the Peace University of Costa Rica (Santiago, Chile, 27-30 September 1995).

Second seminar-workshop on the quality of urban life, organized by Bío-Bío University, Chillán Campus (Chillán, Chile, 5-6 October 1995).

Sixth meeting of the National Preparatory Committee for Habitat II, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (Office of the Under-Secretary for Housing and Urban Development) (Santiago, Chile, 6 October 1995).

Eleventh Chilean Congress of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, organized by the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (Santiago, Chile, 9-11 October 1995).

Seminar, "Democracy requires a strong civil society", organized by the Chilean Association of Non-governmental Organizations and the World University Service - Chile (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 October 1995).

Seminar, "Forestry research: blazing trails for the 21st century", organized by the Forestry Institute in collaboration with the University of Chile and Concepción University (Santiago, Chile, 17-18 October 1995).

National symposium on Habitat II, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 19 October 1995).

Seminar on waste treatment and environmental management, organized by AIC Conferences (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 October 1995).

Symposium on current perspectives on the theory and practice of development and promotion, organized by the School for Development and the Consortium for Research and Development in the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN) (Lima, Peru, 26-27 October 1995).

Seminar on NAFTA, the environment and the regions, organized by the University of Magallanes and sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) (Punta Arenas, Chile, 30-31 October 1995).

Seminar on strategies for urban financing in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Brazilian Institute of Municipal Administration (IBAM) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30-31 October 1995).

International seminar on disasters, the environment and development, organized by the National Office for Emergencies of the Ministry of the Interior (Santiago, Chile, 30-31 October 1995).

First regional seminar on sustainable management of urban waste, organized by the National Coastal University, the Nature Protection Centre, the Habitat and Development Foundation and the PROTEGER Foundation for Sustainable Development and Health (Santa Fe, Argentina, 2-4 November 1995).

Workshop-panel on indicators of sustainability, organized by the Institute of Political Ecology (Santiago, Chile, 7-8 November 1995).

Seminar on public policy and rational management of solid waste, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 November 1995).

Workshop on the role of heritage accounting in the formulation of environmental policy: the case of the native forest, organized by Chile Veintiuno (Santiago, Chile, 13 November 1995).

Symposium on economics and administration of problems of ecology and the environment, organized by the Professional Council of Economic Sciences of the Federal Capital of Argentina (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 21 November 1995).

International seminar on habitat in informal settlements, organized by the University of Zulia (Maracaibo, Venezuela, 21-24 November 1995).

Sixth consultative meeting on the environment with non-governmental organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (Curitiba, Brazil, 27-30 November 1995).

Forum-panel on the current situation, prospects and impact of the wood-chip industry on the native forest, organized by Defenders of the Chilean Forest (Santiago, Chile, 1 December 1995).

Seminar-workshop on sustainable development and population, organized by the UNFPA Support Team, Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 December 1995).

Expert group meeting on regional implementation of Agenda 21, organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations (New York City, 6-7 December 1995).

First regional seminar on management of historic areas and sites in Latin America, organized by the Office of the Historian of the City of Havana and the UNESCO Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 11-14 December 1995).

International seminar on Córdoba, the city and development, organized by the Municipality of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 14-15 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Central American Commission on Environment and Development

With the Technical Secretariat of the Commission, on the design of a programme of horizontal cooperation in the area of economic instruments, on which case studies were carried out in Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica.

Argentina

With the Municipality of Córdoba, on: i) proposals for improving municipal capacity in the area of models and systems of urban management (part of ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project HOL/90/S38, "Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America"); and ii) with regard to management and disposal of urban and industrial waste (part of phase II of ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project FRG/90/S58, "Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management". A seminar on environmental law was also organized.

With the Department of Natural Resources and the Human Environment and the Centre for Advanced Studies of the University of Buenos Aires, under ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01, "Application of economic policy instruments for environmental management and sustainable development in selected Latin American and Caribbean countries".

With the Centre for Advanced Studies of the University of Buenos Aires and the Office of International Relations of the Department of Natural Resources and the Human Environment, on economic studies for environmental management.

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, in relation to studies planned as part of ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01.

With the National Department of Planning, in order to finalize the proposed agenda for the Summit Conference on Sustainable Development.

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Urban Housing and the Chamber of Industry and Construction, as part of project HOL/93/S83, "Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean".

Brazil

With the Municipal Prefecture of Campinas, in the State of São Paulo, on studies of urban, industrial and medical waste management, and on the formulation of an environmental code.

With the Ministry of the Environment and the Amazon Treaty Region, on the formulation of environmental and sustainable development indicators.

With the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Alexandre Gusmão Foundation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in organizing an international workshop on defining a research agenda on sustainable development, convened to discuss the establishment of the International Centre for Sustainable Development, a proposal adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992).

With the Ministry of Housing, the Department of Housing of the State of Minas Gerais and the Chamber of Industry and Construction of the State of Minas Gerais, as part of project HOL/93/S83 on changing production patterns in the housing sector.

Chile

With the National Environment Commission (CONAMA), for which notes were prepared on environmental factors to bear in mind when negotiating a free trade agreement with the United States or upon the entry of Chile into NAFTA, and on the advantages and disadvantages to Chile of joining NAFTA, MERCOSUR, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (APEC). Also collaborated in the study of the assessment of the natural heritage and in formulating an integrated plan for management of industrial waste at the national level and for environmentally sound management and disposal of urban and industrial waste.

With the National Environment Commission, in preparing environmental impact assessment regulations. Also on urban management in Region II.

With the Regional Environment Commission of Region XI, on a study of the externalities that would result from the establishment of an aluminium plant in the area.

With the Urban Management Programme (UMP), in organizing a national meeting of experts on urban issues with a view to formulating an urban development policy.

With the Central Bank, to help develop a natural resource accounting programme.

With the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Magallanes, in the area of environmentally sound management of solid and industrial waste in Region XII.

With the Special Commission on Pollution Control in the Metropolitan Region in the formulation of an integrated plan for industrial waste management in the city of Santiago.

With the Huachipato plant of the Compañía de Acero del Pacífico, on environmentally sound management of solid industrial waste.

With the Ministry of Public Health, Rancagua Health Service, on the continuing education course for professionals from the Department of Environmental Programmes.

With the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, as part of project HOL/93/S83 on changing production patterns in the housing sector.

With the Regional Environment Commission, Metropolitan Region, on technical and environmental assessment of the sanitary landfill project for Santiago.

With the environmental recovery project for the Bay of Talcahuano, Concepción, Region VIII, in formulating terms of reference for four studies.

With a Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA)/National Environment Commission (CONAMA) project, in formulating a recycling plan for domestic solid waste for the Metropolitan Region of Santiago.

With the Ministry of Public Works, on the design of an environmental management policy for Chilean ports.

With the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, in discussions of innovations in housing policy (part of project HOL/93/S83).

With the Ministry of Public Works, in analysing public service building policy (part of project HOL/93/S83).

With the Municipality of Puerto Varas, in defining the content and features of housing rehabilitation programmes (part of project HOL/93/S83).

With the Municipality of Valdivia, on a diagnostic study of internal management and the territory of the Municipality, and on an analysis of possible areas of intervention (part of project HOL/90/S38).

Central America/Guatemala

With the Central American Commission on Environment and Development, in collaboration with the Social Research and Study Association of Guatemala, as part of ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01 on the application of economic policy instruments for environmental management and sustainable development.

Colombia

With the Greater Metropolitan Area of Cartagena on environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste.

With the National University of Colombia, in conducting studies on economic instruments for environmental management and sustainable development.

With the Municipality of Ibagué, in the development of models and systems of urban management (part of ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project HOL/90/S38).

With the Ministry of the Environment and the Environmental Studies Institute of the National University, in conducting a study on economic instruments for environmental management and sustainable development (part of ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01).

With the Metropolitan Area of Manizales, in a diagnostic study of internal management and the territory of the Municipality, and on an analysis of possible areas of intervention (part of project HOL/90/S38).

Costa Rica

With the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy and the Ministry of Health, on environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste.

Cuba

With the National Commission on the Protection of the Environment and the Sound Use of Natural Resources, in the preparation of a paper to be presented by the Government at the second Meeting of the Conference of the parties to the Basel Convention.

With the Housing Institute, in discussing innovations in housing production (part of project HOL/93/S83).

Dominican Republic

With the National Planning Office, to set up studies under ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01.

Ecuador

With the National Development Council (CONADE), in designing economic instruments for environmental management and sustainable development and on the management of urban and industrial waste.

With the Municipality of Quito, in strengthening the legal, institutional and economic framework for preventing and controlling pollution from solid urban and industrial waste.

El Salvador

With the National Commission on the Environment, in developing a feasibility study for a project by the Regional Centre for the Development of Clean Technologies.

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Housing and Urban Development and the Salvadoran Chamber of Industry and Construction, as part of project HOL/93/S83 on proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector.

With the National Low-Cost Housing Fund (FONAVIPO), in discussion of innovations in housing production (part of project HOL/93/S83).

Honduras

With the Municipality of San Pedro Sula, in the formulation of proposals for improving municipal capacity in the area of models and systems of urban management (part of project HOL/90/S38).

Mexico

With the National Ecology Institute of the Ministry of Social Development, on the subject of economic instruments for environmental management and sustainable development (part of project UNP/93/S01).

With the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, in studies on economic instruments for environmental management.

Peru

With the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction, as part of project HOL/93/S83 on proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector.

With the Centre for Development Research and Promotion (DESCO) in preparing a seminar on environmental management.

With the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction and the Chamber of Industry and Construction, in improving housing policy at the national level, particularly as regards industrial and financing aspects of housing production (part of project HOL/93/S83).

With the Municipality of Cusco, in a diagnostic study of internal management and the territory of the Municipality, and on an analysis of possible areas of intervention (part of project HOL/90/S38).

Trinidad and Tobago

With the Municipality of Port of Spain, on a diagnostic study of internal management and the territory of the Municipality, and on an analysis of possible areas of intervention (part of project HOL/90/S38).

Venezuela

With the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, on the design of an environmental impact assessment system, and on the inclusion of Venezuela in the second phase of ECLAC/UNEP project UNP/93/S01.

iv) Training and fellowships

Course on hazardous waste management for environmentally sustainable development, organized in collaboration with the Environmental Sanitation Technologies Company (CETESB), for 45 students of environmental management (São Paulo, Brazil, 6-15 April 1994).

Course on environmental impact studies, organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Córdoba, Argentina, for 40 participants from the public, private and academic sectors (Córdoba, Argentina, 16-20 May 1994).

Classes on development and the environment, given at the International Seasonal School - 1995 of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, January 1995).

Classes on the environmental dimension of Latin American development, given at the Complutense University of Madrid (Madrid, Spain, March 1995).

Classes on sustainable development, given at the Technical University of Magdalena (Santa Marta, Colombia, 24-28 May 1995).

Classes given as part of a training course on waste management and environmental impact assessment organized by the Municipality of Antofagasta for its officials and others from the Antofagasta public sector (Antofagasta, Chile, July 1995).

Collaboration in the lecture series, "Sustainable development: proposals and realities. The case of Latin America", part of the first Master's Programme in the Environment and Sustainable Development, organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 28 August-1 September 1995).

Classes for the second International Course on Decentralization, Municipal Management and Local Development, organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 7 August-8 September 1995).

Classes for the Postgraduate Course in Population and Development, Module II (Population, policy and development programmes), Course 204a (Environment), organized by CELADE (Santiago, Chile, August 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 8: POPULATION

The Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) is the institution within the ECLAC system responsible for the Latin American and Caribbean population programmes. CELADE carries out its activities pursuant to the mandates of the Governments of the region and responds to the needs and situation of the countries in the area of population studies. As part of these activities, in 1994-1995 CELADE acted as technical secretariat for the countries in implementing the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, which was adopted by ECLAC in draft form at its twenty-fifth session (Cartagena, Colombia, 20-27 April 1994).

CELADE is organized around four areas of activity: population and development, demographic analysis and projections, processing of population data and documentation, and training and special programmes. These areas of activity have been designed to reflect the integrated perspective of changing production patterns with social equity and the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development approved at the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, 1993). The Consensus served as the basis for the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development.

During the biennium, the Centre's production was as follows: CELADE published approximately 70 documents, of both restricted and general distribution; organized 11 seminars or workshops (in 1994, most of them related to approval of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development); took part in 29 meetings and conferences organized by other institutions; carried out 35 technical assistance missions to national public-sector organizations in 16 ECLAC member countries; distributed 658 copies of its computer programs on diskette, with manuals (REDATAM-Plus: retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer; PREVIO: preceding birth technique for estimating infant mortality; PRODEM: demographic projections at the national and subnational levels; PANDEM: package for demographic analysis by microcomputer; and LRPM/PC: long-range planning model for microcomputers).

CELADE also distributed 140 copies of its database CD-ROM/DOCPAL (database of the Latin American Population Documentation System) and 36 diskettes containing updated population projections for the countries of the region. Lastly, CELADE provided 4,040 computerized bibliographic searches and distributed 872 copies of documents on population and development.

With respect to training, the nine-month Postgraduate Course on Population and Development was offered at CELADE headquarters in Santiago, for the fourth and fifth year, as part of the Global Programme of Training in Population and Development of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Forty-three professionals from 19 countries of the region and three African countries attended the courses. In addition, the Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development was given for the seventeenth and eighteenth times, from August to December 1994 and 1995 in Santiago, Chile. Forty-nine professionals from 19 countries of the region, two African countries and one European country attended these courses.

To complement regular CELADE training activities, seven workshops and seminars on various specific topics, geared to the training of national officials were organized jointly with universities or public institutions. Lastly, the subprogramme also collaborated with around 50 universities, non-governmental organizations and international organizations on teaching and the exchange of teachers and research fellows.

CELADE continued to receive financial support from the United Nations regular budget, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada and the Governments of France and the Netherlands.

i) Documents

PREVIO. Preceding birth technique. User's manual (version 1.0) (LC/DEM/G.123).

Mujeres inmigrantes y mercado de trabajo en Santiago (LC/DEM/G.136).

Notas de población, No. 58 (LC/DEM/G.137).

DOCPAL, Resúmenes sobre población en América Latina, vol. 17, 1993 (LC/DEM/G.138).

Cuatro etapas en la mortalidad infantil del Uruguay: falta la quinta (LC/DEM/G.139).

Latin America: life tables, 1950-2025, Demographic Bulletin, No. 53 (LC/DEM/G.140).

Notas de población, No. 59 (LC/DEM/G.141).

REDATAM informa, vol. 3, No. 1/2 (LC/DEM/G.142).

Determinantes socioeconómicos de la migración interna, con especial referencia a la región de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/DEM/G.143).

Preliminary draft Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.144).

Latin America: population projections 1950-2050, Demographic Bulletin, No. 54 (LC/DEM/G.145).

Estudios sociodemográficos de pueblos indígenas (LC/DEM/G.146).

La demografía (LC/DEM/G.147).

Latin America: population by calendar years and single ages, 1990-2000, Demographic Bulletin, No. 55 (LC/DEM/G.148).

Notas de población, No. 60 (LC/DEM/G.149).

Las políticas de población en América Latina y el Caribe: algunas reflexiones en el umbral del siglo XXI (LC/DEM/G.150).

DOCPAL, Resúmenes sobre población en América Latina, vol. 18, 1994 (LC/DEM/G.151).

Dos artículos sobre población, medio ambiente y desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe, Serie E, No. 43 (LC/DEM/G.152).

Cambios en la familia y en los roles de la mujer (LC/DEM/G.153).

Notas de población, No. 61 (LC/DEM/G.154).

Latin America: projection of the urban-rural population, 1970-2025, Demographic Bulletin, No. 56 (LC/DEM/G.155).

América Latina y el Caribe, dinámica de la población y desarrollo, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 74 (LC/G.1862-P; LC/DEM/G.156).

Consecuencias económicas de los cambios demográficos en América Latina: teorías y evidencias (LC/DEM/R.188).

Necessidade insatisfeita e demanda total de anticoncepção no nordeste do Brasil, 1986-1991 (LC/DEM/R.197/Corr.1).

Bolivia: estimaciones y proyecciones de población por sexo y edad, 1950-2050 (LC/DEM/R.199).

Proyecto IMILA: Investigación de la Migración Internacional en Latinoamérica (LC/DEM/R.201).

La población indígena en los censos de América Latina (LC/DEM/R.202).

Los mapuches: una investigación multidisciplinaria en reducciones indígenas de Chile (LC/DEM/R.203).

XVI Curso Regional Intensivo de Análisis Demográfico para el Desarrollo, 1993: programa de estudios (LC/DEM/R.204).

Niñez y adolescencia en Uruguay (LC/DEM/R.205).

Dinámica demográfica de la pobreza: documentos seleccionados (LC/DEM/R.206).

Aspectos demográficos y socioeconómicos del envejecimiento en América Latina, 1992 (LC/DEM/R.207).

Introducción a los sistemas de información geográficos (SIG) (LC/DEM/R.208).

DOCPAL, Resúmenes sobre población en Paraguay (LC/DEM/R.209).

Grandes ciudades de América Latina: dos capítulos (LC/DEM/R.210).

El uso de variables sintomáticas en la actualización de población de áreas menores (versión preliminar) (LC/DEM/R.211).

Los grupos de alta fecundidad en Colombia, 1990 (LC/DEM/R.212).

La familia en América Latina y el Caribe: algunas consideraciones sociodemográficas (LC/DEM/R.213).

Demographic changes and unfunded pension systems: financial aspects (LC/DEM/R.214).

The IPALCA network: an answer to the problems of locating population information in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/DEM/R.215).

Population data for local development (LC/DEM/R.216).

Chile: estimaciones y proyecciones de población por sexo y edad. Total del país, 1950-2050 (LC/DEM/R.217).

La mortalidad materna en América Latina y el Caribe latino (LC/DEM/R.218).

DOCPAL, Resúmenes sobre población - Perú (LC/DEM/R.219/Add.1).

Argentina: estimaciones y proyecciones de población. Total del país, 1950-2050 (LC/DEM/R.221).

Población y educación (LC/DEM/R.222).

Dinámica de la población de Chile: notas sobre el proceso de redistribución espacial (LC/DEM/R.223).

Enfoques teóricos para el estudio de la fecundidad (LC/DEM/R.224).

CELADE/ECLAC regional information activities for population in development in the Latin American and Caribbean region (LC/DEM/R.225).

Un procedimiento para obtener la población por edades simples y años calendario, a partir de poblaciones por grupos quinquenales de edad y para cada cinco años (LC/DEM/R.226).

Argentina: proyecciones de población urbana y rural y PEA (LC/DEM/R.227).

Argentina: proyecciones de la población por provincia según sexo y grupos de edad, 1990-2010 (LC/DEM/R.228).

Proyecciones de la población del Perú, 1995-2025 (LC/DEM/R.229).

Dos artículos sobre población, medio ambiente y desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/DEM/R.230).

Políticas de atención integral a la tercera edad en América Latina (LC/DEM/R.231).

A REDATAM-Plus and Geographical Information System (R+GIS) tool to identify target populations for local area planning (LC/DEM/R.232).

La población y el desarrollo en el pensamiento de A. Smith y R.T. Malthus (LC/DEM/R.233).

Políticas sectoriales y de población: el caso de México (LC/DEM/R.235).

América Latina: integración de las variables demográficas en las políticas sociales dirigidas a superar la pobreza (LC/DEM/R.236).

Vínculos entre las tendencias sociodemográficas y el medio ambiente urbano: tres ciudades de Bolivia (LC/DEM/R.237).

Perú: estimaciones y proyecciones de población según sexo y edades simples, por año calendario, 1970-2025 (LC/DEM/R.238).

Población, desarrollo y cambios estructurales en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/DEM/R.244).

Knowledge and data for population in development: information activities of CELADE and the Latin American and Caribbean Population Information Network (IPALCA) (LC/DEM/R.245).

Jerarquización de las provincias de Perú según grado de pobreza: aspectos metodológicos (LC/DEM/R.246).

Argentina: estimaciones y proyecciones de población. Total del país, 1950-2025. Versión revisada (LC/DEM/R.247).

Formulación y evaluación de proyectos sociales (LC/DEM/R.248).

Población, recursos humanos y educación en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/DEM/R.251).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Washington, D.C., 31 March 1994).

Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Ottawa, Canada, 18 July 1994).

Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Asunción, Paraguay, 20-22 July 1994).

Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Paris, France, 1 September 1994).

Meeting of the Latin American and the Caribbean group for follow-up on the Regional Plan of Action (Cairo, Egypt, 6 and 13 September 1994).

Seminar on population and development challenges at the dawn of the twenty-first century (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1994).

Seminar on migration and regional integration, organized in collaboration with the National University of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 12-19 November 1994).

Pre-project planning meeting on the POPIN/DOCPAL/IPALCA Network (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 April 1995).

Seminar-workshop on information on population and poverty for social programmes, organized jointly with the National Social Compensation and Development Fund (FONCODES), the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics and the Ministry for the Presidency (Lima, Peru, 4-7 July 1995).

Lecture on recent trends in international migration in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 20 October 1995).

Seminar on future trends in mortality, held under the IIAP/ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE cooperation agreement and organized jointly with the School of Public Health of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Subregional Meeting of Central American Ministers on Population and Development, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Coordination of Economic and Social Development of El Salvador (San Salvador, 31 January 1994).

Twenty-seventh session of the Population Commission, organized by the United Nations Population Division (New York City, 28-29 March 1994).

International seminar on distribution and territorial mobility of the population and human development, organized by the Bariloche Foundation and the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) (Bariloche, Argentina, 2-14 April 1994).

Third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, organized by the United Nations Population Division (New York City, 3-24 April 1994).

Annual conference of the Population Association of America (PAA) (Miami, Florida, 3-7 May 1994).

Address on sociodemographic aspects of the population, given at the workshop for health professionals, organized by the Ministry of Public Health (Santiago, Chile, 9 May 1994).

Workshop on training in social aspects of reproductive health, organized by the Regional Programme on Social Aspects of Reproductive Health (PRASSAR), the Centre for Population Studies (CENEP) and WHO (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 15-19 May 1994).

International seminar on statistical quality, organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (Bogotá, Colombia, 1-3 June 1994).

Workshop on collection of information on education and human development in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Regional Employment Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (PREALC) and UNESCO (Santiago, Chile, 7-9 June 1994).

Annual meeting of coordinators of the Global Programme of Training in Population and Development, organized by the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) (The Hague, Netherlands, 14-16 June 1994).

Meeting of the inter-agency group on demographic estimates and projections, organized by the United Nations Population Division (New York City, 28-30 June 1994).

Workshop on meeting information needs for social policy-making in a global society, proposals for Latin America, organized by the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 4-5 August 1994).

Seminar on population and development, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay (Montevideo, Uruguay, 15-16 August 1994).

Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Population Information Network (POPIN) (Cairo, Egypt, 31 August-1 September 1994).

Workshop on evaluating homes for the elderly for purposes of policy formulation, organized by the Adult Health Programme, Ministry of Public Health (Santiago, Chile, 6 September 1994).

Seminar on infant mortality and analysis of the health situation in Peru, organized by the Office of Informatics and Statistics (OFINE) of the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) (Lima, Peru, 6-7 September 1994).

Third Southern Cone Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, organized by the Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 7-9 September 1994).

Twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, organized by the United Nations Population Division (New York City, 23-28 February 1995).

Annual conference of the Population Association of America (PAA) (San Francisco, California, 6-8 April 1995).

Workshop on data collection, processing, dissemination and use, organized by UNFPA and the United Nations Population Division (New York City, 15-18 May 1995).

Inter-agency task force on technical support teams, organized by UNFPA (New York City, 16-19 May 1995).

Seminar on economic and demographic crisis in Africa, organized by the International Institute for Public Administration (IIAP) (Paris, France, 18 May-11 June 1995).

Meeting of the Global Population Information Network (POPIN) Advisory Committee and the POPIN Information Technology Working Group, organized by the United Nations Population Division (Thailand, 12-21 June 1995).

Annual meeting of coordinators of the Global Programme of Training in Population and Development, organized by UNFPA (New York City, 26-30 June 1995).

Regional meeting on information for decentralization, organized by the Latin American Regional Office of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 19-21 July 1995).

Working meeting of the coordinating committee of the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) (Asunción, Paraguay, 21-24 July 1995).

Congress of the International Geographic Union, organized by the Union and the Government of Cuba (Havana, Cuba, 31 July-5 August 1995).

Seminar on modernization of the State and indigenous peoples, organized by the National Indigenous Peoples Commission of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23-24 August 1995).

Seminar on population and development: a Latin American perspective after Cairo 1994, organized by the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) (Bogotá, Colombia, 28 November-2 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Latin America and the Caribbean

For information, the following were distributed: 271 copies of REDATAM-Plus (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer), diskette and manual; 72 copies of PREVIO (preceding birth technique for estimating infant mortality), diskette and manual; 63 copies of PRODEM (demographic projections at the national and subnational levels), diskette and manual; 67 copies of PANDEM (package for demographic analysis by microcomputer), diskette and manual; 92 copies of LRPM/PC (long-range planning model for microcomputers), diskette and manual; 103 CD-ROMs containing the database of the Latin American Population Documentation System (DOCPAL).

The following were also distributed: 36 diskettes with population projections for the countries of the region (up-dated), 26 copies of the demonstration diskette for the REDATAM-Plus system, 4,040 computerized bibliographic searches and 872 copies of documents on population and development.

Costa Rica, Cayman Islands and Saint Lucia

With these Governments, on the review and evaluation of the joint CELADE/University of Waterloo project.

Argentina

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, on population projections.

With the National Technical Assistance Programme for the Administration of Social Services, on the handling of sociodemographic statistics.

With the Department of Social Development (Office of the Presidency), to explore possibilities for technical cooperation on REDATAM-Plus.

With the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population of the Ministry of the Interior and the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses, on defining the work programme under the technical cooperation agreement between the Office of the Under-Secretary for Population and CELADE.

Bolivia

With the National Institute of Statistics, on population projections and in drawing up a work plan for demographic issues.

Colombia

With the National Planning Department, in connection with the National Population Report.

With the National Bureau of Statistics, on preparation of a plan for census analysis and on evaluation of the census.

Chile

With the National Institute of Statistics, on a census evaluation, in drawing up national population projections and on the creation of a REDATAM-Plus database for the 1992 census.

El Salvador

With the Ministry of Planning and Coordination of Economic and Social Development, in holding the Subregional Meeting of Central American Ministers on Population and Development.

Guatemala

With the Programme of Basic Education and the Social Investment Fund, under the IDB/CELADE agreement, to support data processing, determine the needs for sociodemographic and geo-referenced information, and organize a workshop on REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems.

Mexico

With the National Population Council (CONAPO) and the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics, on census evaluation and national population projections, and in connection with the Regional Plan of Action.

Panama

With the Office of Economic and Social Planning of the Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy, on the creation of a REDATAM-Plus database.

Paraguay

With the Ministry of Education and Worship and the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses, on follow-up to consultative work on projections of demand for education, and on planning support activities under the IDB/CELADE agreement to analyse the feasibility of using REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems in education and health programmes.

With the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses, on preparation of national and departmental projections of urban and rural populations and national projections of the economically active population; and on preparation of studies on internal migration based on information from the latest population census.

Peru

With the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics and the National Geographic Institute, in carrying out a project for using databases for poverty studies and in preparing a work plan for creating poverty maps of Peru.

With the Multidisciplinary Population Research and Teaching Association (AMIDEP), in applying the computer program PREVIO (preceding birth technique for estimating infant mortality).

With the National Social Compensation and Development Fund (FONCODES), the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics and the Ministry of Health, in formulating social development strategies and in establishing a methodology for generating databases in REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems; and in following up on activities under the IDB/CELADE agreement and coordinating a seminar on information on population and poverty for social programmes.

With the Ministry of Health, in preparing the final draft of a document on fertility and in monitoring the Ministry's future needs for technical assistance.

Uruguay

With the National Institute of Statistics, in activities preparatory to the seventh general population census and the fifth housing census (technical cooperation provided in Santiago, Chile).

Venezuela

With the Central Statistics and Informatics Office, in drawing up mortality tables by state and in evaluating state population projections.

iv) Training and fellowships

Postgraduate programmes

Fourth Postgraduate Programme on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development, involving 21 professionals from countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa (Santiago, Chile, 15 March-15 December 1994).

Fifth Postgraduate Programme on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development, involving 22 professionals from countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa (Santiago, Chile, 15 March-15 December 1995).

Intensive regional and national courses

Seventeenth Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development, involving 24 professionals from 21 countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe (Santiago, Chile, 17 August-17 December 1994).

Eighteenth Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development, involving 25 professionals from 21 countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa (Santiago, Chile, 17 August-17 December 1995).

Training courses and seminar-workshops in specific fields

Workshop on the use of REDATAM-Plus with Geographic Information Systems (IDB/CELADE agreement), for 28 participants from Peru (Lima, Peru, 20 June-2 July 1994).

Workshop on REDATAM-Plus, organized in collaboration with the municipalities of the northern zone of Santiago (Huechuraba, Conchalí, Recoleta), the Ministry of Public Education and the Interdisciplinary Programme for Educational Research, for 26 participants from Chile (Santiago, Chile, 1-5 August 1994).

Workshop on the use of geo-referenced information for resource allocation in social sectors, for 13 participants from Paraguay (Asunción, Paraguay, 23-26 August 1994).

International course-workshop on subnational population projections, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Planning and Coordination of Economic and Social Development, with 8 participants from El Salvador and 6 from other countries (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Panama) (San Salvador, El Salvador, 4-13 October 1994)

Seminar-workshop on the use of REDATAM-Plus in activities in support of Colombia's sixteenth national population census and fifth national housing census in 1993, for 20 Colombian participants (Bogotá, Colombia, 16-30 October 1994).

Workshop on qualitative studies in the area of demography, with 20 Chilean participants and French guests (Santiago, Chile, 21-25 November 1994).

Workshop on REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems for 20 Guatemalan participants from public institutions (Guatemala City, 3-14 July 1995).

Support for national university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Argentina

Support for the National University of Córdoba in the preparation of its programme of teaching and training activities, under an agreement between CELADE and the University (Córdoba, Argentina, 24-26 March 1994).

Collaborated with the Bariloche Foundation and the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) by giving a talk to 33 professionals on REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems (Bariloche, Argentina, 7 May 1994).

A professional from the Centre for Population Studies was advised on the preparation of a project for disseminating and extending the preceding birth technique (Santiago, Chile, 6 June-29 July 1994).

Teaching collaboration with the University of Buenos Aires and the National University of Luján in the Master's Programme in Social Demography on the subject of population projections (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 6-13 July 1994).

Support for the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of Río Cuarto by advising a teacher and researcher of the faculty on a study on demographic dynamics and trends in labour supply in the Department of Río Cuarto (Santiago, Chile, 7 November-9 December 1994).

Collaborated with the National University of Cuyo by providing statistical data from the Chilean censuses of 1970, 1982 and 1992 (11 October 1994) and with the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters by participating in the Fifth Ibero-American Conference and Course on Geographic Information Systems (Cuyo, Argentina, 26-28 April 1995).

Collaborated with the Faculty of Human Sciences and the Faculty of Social Sciences of the National University of La Pampa, with the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses and with UNICEF by participating in the plenary session of the Third Argentine Symposium on Population Studies, organized by the Argentine National Senate and the Chamber of Deputies of the Province of La Pampa (Santa Rosa, Argentina, 11-13 October 1995).

Support was given to the Master's Programme in Demography of the Centre for Advanced Studies of the National University of Córdoba in the following areas: workshop on migration and spatial mobility of the population (13-19 November 1994); evaluation and adjustment of data (20-25 March 1995); population projections (2-8 April 1995); and effects of changes in demographic variables on population dynamics (3-5 May 1995).

Austria

A professional from the Department of Geography of Vienna University has advised on the preparation of her thesis on demographic transition and population problems in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 24 January-24 March 1995).

Brazil

Support was given to the Brazilian Association for Population Studies (ABEP) in the form of a presentation on REDATAM-Plus and how it interfaces with Geographic Information Systems, at the ninth Population Studies Symposium (Minas Gerais, Caxambú, Brazil, 10-14 October 1994).

Collaborated with a researcher from the Population Studies Group of the State University at Campinas, on the subject of intra-urban mobility (Santiago, Chile, 5-16 December 1994).

Collaborated with the Social, Urban and Regional Economics Group of the State University at Campinas, by participating in the round table of a seminar on the general context of international migrations and by advising on a project on transborder mobility in the context of MERCOSUR regional integration (Campinas, Brazil, 8-10 March 1995).

Canada

Collaborated with the University of Alberta in the visit of a professional to advise the Population and Development Area of CELADE on environmental and population issues (Santiago, Chile, 5-12 May 1994).

Collaborated with the University of Montreal in consultation with a professional on indigenous issues and on the computer program PREVIO (Santiago, Chile, 20 April-20 July 1994).

Collaborated with the University of Waterloo by giving assistance to a Master's student in applying an educational planning program (EDUPLAN) developed by CELADE (Santiago, Chile, 1-29 April 1995).

Collaborated with the Decentralization Information Group of the International Development Research Centre in a workshop for five professionals on REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems (Santiago, Chile, 17 July 1995).

Chile

Collaborated with the Institute of Geography of the Catholic University of Chile, in professional training for two students (Santiago, Chile, 6 January-6 March 1994).

Under the collaboration agreement between the University of the Academy of Christian Humanism and CELADE, collaborated with the School of Sociology in a demography course for 17 national participants (March-August 1994) and in advising two graduate students on their dissertations (27 October-December 1994).

In collaboration with UNFPA, support was provided for a regional workshop on processing population data (Santiago, Chile, 16 May-1 June 1994).

Collaborated with the postgraduate course of the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES), in a short course on DOCPAL, for 25 national participants (Santiago, Chile, 23 May 1994).

Collaborated with the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) in: teaching support for the inter-American seminar-workshop on local statistical information systems for targeting poverty (Santiago, Chile, 4-15 July 1994); teaching support for the inter-American course-workshop on analysis and interpretation of census statistics (Santiago, Chile, 20 October 1994); and teaching support for the inter-American course-workshop on health statistics in the form of a presentation on DOCPAL for 33 national participants (Santiago, Chile, 20 July 1995).

Collaborated with the School of Sociology of the University of the Republic, in advising two graduate students on their theses (Santiago, Chile, March-October 1994).

Under the agreement between CELADE and the University of Chile, collaborated with: the School of Sociology of the University of Chile, in a graduate's internship (Santiago, Chile, 25 July-25 November 1994); the School of Sociology in a graduate's internship (Santiago, Chile, March-September 1995); the School of Geography, in a graduate's internship (Santiago, Chile, March-August 1995); the Institute of Political Sciences, in an inaugural address for a seminar on world population policies (Santiago, Chile, 16 August 1994); the Master's Programme in Biostatistics, for which lectures were given on population information systems for Latin America and the Caribbean and on REDATAM-Plus, PANDEM, PRODEM and PREVIO (Santiago, Chile, September 1994); the School of Public Health, in the twentieth and twenty-first Latin American Seminars on Management of Maternal and Child Health Programmes, in the form of a lecture to each seminar on population dynamics in Latin America in relation to the health sector (Santiago, Chile, September 1994 and September 1995); and the Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology (INTA), in the form of classes given on demographic dynamics and mortality in its course, "Stages in health sector reform. The burden of ill-health: priorities and actions" (Santiago, Chile, 7-11 August 1995).

Collaborated with the School of Sociology of the University of Arts and Social Sciences (ARCIS), in a student internship (Santiago, Chile, August-October 1994).

Support for the International Labour Organization (ILO), in the form of an address on demographic aspects of development in a regional workshop on population, poverty and the labour market (Santiago, Chile, 21 September 1994).

Collaborated with the School of History and Geography Education of the Metropolitan University of Education Sciences, in the professional training of a student (Santiago, Chile, October 1994-January 1995).

Support for Concepción University, in the form of the inaugural lecture of the international seminar on poverty, held to mark the University's seventy-fifth anniversary (Concepción, Chile, 22 September 1994).

Collaborated with the Intendancy (Office of the Regional Governor) of the Bío-Bío Region and eight municipal governments of the region, in planning study trips for the fourth and fifth Postgraduate Courses in Population and Development under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Concepción, Chile, May and August 1994 and 1995).

Colombia

Collaborated with the Centre for Economic Development Studies of the Faculty of Economics of the University of the Andes, by supporting a professional from the Centre in her research on pockets of high fertility (September 1993-March 1994).

Costa Rica

Collaborated with the Department of Health Technologies of the School of Medicine of the University of Costa Rica, by sending information on the methodology for estimating population by calendar year (26 September 1994).

Collaborated with the Central American Population Programme of the University of Costa Rica, in deciding on joint activities to be carried out with CELADE (San José, Costa Rica, 17 March 1995).

Collaborated with the Central American Population Programme of the University of Costa Rica, in teaching how to apply ACCESS (REDATAM-Plus for Windows and Geographic Information Systems) in relation to access to health centres (San José, Costa Rica, 16-17 October 1995).

Collaborated with the Municipality of Escazú, in training officials in the application of ZONPLAN (REDATAM-Plus for Windows and Geographic Information Systems) in relation to urban land use (San José, Costa Rica, 18-28 October 1995).

Cuba

Collaborated with the Institute of Physical Planning: in assistance to two professionals visiting CELADE headquarters to gain experience with DOCPAL, PRODEM, PANDEM and REDATAM-Plus, with teaching programmes on population and development and in the areas of environment, population and pockets of poverty (Santiago, Chile, 17-28 October 1994); and in the tripartite review meeting for the project on policies on spatial distribution of the population (Havana, Cuba, 31 July-5 August 1995).

France

Exchange of collaboration with the Office for Scientific and Technical Research Overseas (ORSTOM) in analysing the development of an interface between REDATAM and Savanne (Paris, France, 18 July 1995).

Mali

Classes were given on the use and operation of REDATAM-Plus at the Centre for Training and Research on Population for Development (Bamako, Mali, 14-30 June 1995).

Mexico

Collaborated with the Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico and with the Latin American Programme of Population Activities (PROLAP) in coordinating PROLAP teaching activities (Mexico City, May 1994).

Collaborated with the Office of Health Planning of the Veracruz Department of Health, by advising a professional on a research fellowship who was working on a study of spatial and sociocultural differentials in reproductive behaviour in the State of Veracruz, 1960-1990 (Santiago, Chile, 21 October-8 December 1994).

Classes were given on evaluation, adjustment and projections under the Master's Programme in Population Studies of the Colegio de la Frontera Norte, for 14 professionals (Tijuana, Mexico, 11-15 April 1994); participated in the workshop on methodology and strategies for sociodemographic research on ageing in Latin America, organized by the Latin American Programme of Population Activites and the Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, Mexico, 30 March-1 April 1995).

Support was given to the Latin American Programme of Population Activities, in developing a model demographics programme (Santiago, Chile, June 1995).

Paraguay

Collaborated with the Department of Population and Development of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of Asunción, in supervising a visiting researcher reviewing a proposal for a course-workshop on employment in Paraguay (Santiago, Chile, 7-19 August 1995), and in planning teaching and training activities in population and development (Asunción, 6-12 July 1995).

Collaborated with an official of the Department of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses, on population projections for Paraguay (Santiago, Chile, 11-25 November 1994).

Peru

Support was given to the non-governmental organization, Alternativa, in developing a joint project with CELADE and the University of Waterloo on the application of REDATAM-Plus and Geographic Information Systems to health and education service planning (Lima, Peru, 9-11 May 1995).

Spain

Collaborated with the Department of Human Geography of the University of Alicante, by providing support to a visiting professor working on a study of Spanish emigration to Latin America during the past century (Santiago, Chile, 14 July-31 August 1994).

Collaborated with the Institute of Ibero-American and Portuguese Studies of the University of Salamanca, by sending CELADE publications and information (21 September 1994).

United States

Collaborated with the University of Pennsylvania Doctoral Programme in Demography by providing support to a student doing a study on mortality in the elderly (Santiago, Chile, 7-26 March 1994).

Collaborated with the Department of Population of the University of California at Berkeley, by participating in a seminar on population and social security systems in Latin America (Berkeley, California, 27-28 April 1994).

Uruguay

Collaborated with the Postgraduate Social Sciences Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic, in supervising a visiting researcher on internal migration (Santiago, Chile, 11-30 April 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 9: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/92, which approved the convening of the World Summit for Social Development in March 1995, ECLAC carried out an array of preparatory activities and participated in others organized by Governments and non-governmental organizations. The Social Development Division helped to prepare substantive documents and to harmonize inter-agency activities relating to the Social Summit, in its capacity as a coordinating centre for such activities within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations. At the same time, in conjunction with other ECLAC divisions, it worked on the publication of the 1994 and 1995 editions of the Social panorama of Latin America (LC/G.1844 and LC/G.1886-P). These studies describe the main characteristics of recent social trends in the region, as revealed by data obtained from household surveys.

As part of the activities for the International Year of the Family, a series of meetings were held to organize and discuss the information currently available in the region on the situation of families. These meetings culminated in the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the International Year of the Family (Cartagena, Colombia, August 1993). As a follow-up to the meeting, a book was published under the title Family and future: a regional programme in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1835-P), and a set of indicators on the situation of families was produced with the support of experts from the region.

The Social Development Division also performed various tasks in its capacity as regional coordinating centre for youth and social policy activities in the United Nations system. In the area of social policy, meetings were held, studies were prepared and publication of a new series on social policies was begun. In the area of youth, the programme focused on two main aspects: the strengthening of inter-agency action on youth issues; and research on policies regarding youth, particularly those from rural areas. In addition, priority was given to analysing educational policies designed to reduce inequalities in the opportunities available to youth from different social backgrounds. Efforts were directed at seeking alternatives for improving both the quality and equity of the educational system, especially at the primary and secondary levels; to this end, meetings were conducted on specialized themes and a research project was developed and launched.

The Social Development Division also convened two meetings of experts. The first of these meetings sought to analyse the changes that had occurred in Latin America's social structure over the past decade, while the second was designed to evaluate reforms in the areas of health, education, housing and social security, and to identify means (policies and mechanisms) of facilitating the alleviation of poverty, the redistribution of income and an increase in employment and labour productivity. These meetings provided the opportunity to review regional experiments undertaken since the end of the 1980s or still in progress and to analyse the impact of social reforms on growth and social equity, in a departure from what is more than a purely sectoral approach.

Another significant area of effort was the preparation and execution of projects. Together with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Social Development Division executed a project to develop an inter-agency proposal concerning health in relation to changing production patterns with social equity. With the Organization of American States (OAS), it is carrying out a joint programme on social policies for Latin America (PROPOSAL) to support the social development efforts of the Governments of the region through technical assistance and training in the formulation and evaluation of social projects and programmes. December 1994 saw the conclusion of a project conducted jointly with the Statistics and

Economic Projections Division, with the support of the Netherlands, on the elaboration of social indicators to be used in formulating more appropriate social policies for improving the situation of the most disadvantaged population groups. Another project is currently being carried out with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division, involving an assessment of recent progress achieved by the countries of Latin America in the socio-economic sphere and the impact of social policies.

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Los bachilleres uruguayos: quiénes son, qué aprendieron y qué opinan (II) (LC/MVD/R.123).

Los recursos humanos del Consejo de Educación Técnico-Profesional (UTU) (LC/MVD/R.124/Rev.1).

Descripción de los indicadores de ingresos y salarios y su implementación en el Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.127).

Hacia un rediseño organizacional de la enseñanza secundaria en el Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.128/Rev.1).

Uruguay: agenda social 1995 (LC/MVD/R.130).

La medición de las necesidades básicas insatisfechas en los censos de población (LC/MVD/R.131).

Encuestas de hogares: su utilidad para el diseño de políticas educativas en contextos cambiantes (LC/MVD/R.134).

Perspectiva de la infancia ante el nuevo escenario económico latinoamericano (LC/MVD/R.135).

Procesos de cambio en la educación media: comparación de experiencias nacionales (LC/MVD/R.136).

Joint publications

La propensión migratoria de los jóvenes uruguayos. Estudio en base a datos de la Encuesta Nacional de Juventud 1989/1990 del Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas, Montevideo. National Institute for Youth (INJU), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and ECLAC office in Montevideo, June 1994.

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Fifth informal inter-agency meeting on youth in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, Uruguay, 19 April 1994).

Fourth informal inter-agency meeting on integrated social policies and economic adjustment in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cartagena, Colombia, 26 April 1994).

Workshop on financing alternatives for anti-poverty programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) of the Government of Chile and with OAS (Santiago, Chile, 20-22 June 1994).

Seminar on the proposal for changing production patterns with social equity and economic, social and cultural rights, organized jointly with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 August 1994).

Meeting of experts on secondary education in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 28 September 1994).

Meeting preparatory to the international symposium on adolescent health, organized jointly with the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 December 1994).

Regional workshop on indicators for social policy formulation, organized jointly with the ECLAC Statistics and Economic Projections Division (Santiago, Chile, 12-14 December 1994).

Seminar-workshop on the topic, "Reform of secondary education in Chile: towards greater equity?" (Santiago, Chile, 10-11 April 1995).

Meeting to discuss the project, "Improving the quality and equity of education: methods of measurement and resource allocation" (Santiago, Chile, 21-28 April 1995).

Seminar on the social dimension of regional integration, organized jointly with the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR) and sponsored by the European Union, under the joint EC/Rio Group Training Programme for Regional Integration, involving States members of the Rio Group (Santiago, Chile, 24-29 April 1995).

International symposium on adolescent health, organized jointly with the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Cartagena, Colombia, 16-19 May 1995).

Meeting of high-level experts on coordination of social and economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized jointly with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) (Caracas, Venezuela, 21-22 June 1995).

Fifth informal inter-agency meeting on integrated social policies and economic adjustment in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cartagena, Colombia, 23 June 1995).

Meeting of experts on the main socio-economic trends in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 22 August 1995).

Meeting of experts on sectoral reforms in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 23-24 August 1995).

Seminar for an exchange of experiences on economic and social policies for development between Latin America, Russia and several European countries, organized jointly with the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation (Moscow, 11-14 September 1995).

Seminar on social policy in Latin America today: alternatives for Paraguay, organized jointly with the Paraguayan Department of Social Welfare and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Asunción, Paraguay, 30-31 October 1995).

Meeting of experts on improving the quality and equity of basic education, Experiencia Delphi (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

Seminar on improving the quality and equity of basic education (Santiago, Chile, 10 January 1996).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Follow-up workshop on social policies, organized by the Ministry of Human Development of Bolivia and PAHO/WHO (La Paz, Bolivia, 16-18 February 1994).

Seminar on health-sector reform in Latin America, organized by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Argentina, the World Bank and PAHO/WHO (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-16 March 1994).

Interdisciplinary seminars on gender studies, organized by the National Women's Service of Chile (SERNAM), the Centre for Women's Studies (CEM) and the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CEDEM) and the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 24 March 1994; 19 April 1994; 30 June 1994; 27 July 1994 and 2 September 1994).

Symposium on administrative reform and improving administrative management, organized by the Central University of Chile and the University of Buenos Aires (Santiago, Chile, 6 April 1994).

Plenary meeting of the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG). Presentation on the topic, "The family on the threshold of the twenty-first century" (Santiago, Chile, 8 April 1994).

Symposium on the topic, "Option 2000: young people, employment, democracy and development in Latin America", organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 16-19 April 1994).

Seventh Ibero-American Youth Conference, organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 20-23 April 1994).

Symposium on the post-modern family and the social worker, organized by the mutual insurance fund of the Chilean Chamber of Construction (Santiago, Chile, 3 May 1994).

Symposium on poverty and local administration: sectoral perspectives, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 4 May 1994).

International seminar on democracy: decentralization and social policy, organized by the Peruvian Social Studies Centre (CEPES) (Lima, Peru, 18-19 May 1994).

Regional meeting on alternative economic frameworks, organized by Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN/MUDAR) (Santiago, Chile, 20-22 May 1994).

International seminar on the feminization of poverty, organized by the International Council for Adult Education, the Institute for Economic and Social Development of Uruguay (IPRU) and the Women's Popular Education Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (REPEM) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 7-10 June 1994).

Seminar on the role of the university in overcoming poverty, organized by the University of Chile and the Ford Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 June 1994).

Seminar on the quantitative methods most frequently used in the measurement and analysis of poverty and bidimensional approximation to the heterogeneity of poverty, organized by the National University of Córdoba (Córdoba, Argentina, 17 June 1994).

Seminar on the family, poverty and social policies, organized by the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 23 June 1994).

One hundred and thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Washington, D.C., 27 June-1 July 1994).

International seminar-workshop on local statistical information systems for targeting poverty, organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES). Participated on the topic of targeting social problem areas (Santiago, Chile, 4-15 July 1994).

Third Political Science Congress, organized by the Political Science Association. Participated on the topic of administering social policies (Santiago, Chile, 7-8 July 1994).

Chilean meeting of NGOs in support of the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the Alliance of People for Social Development (AGPDS) (Santiago, Chile, 15 July 1994).

Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Commission for Social Development (the Aylwin Commission) and the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development (Santiago, Chile, 22 July 1994).

Working meeting of the Executive Secretariat in charge of international coordination for the Advisory Commission for the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Santiago, Chile, 29 July 1994).

Inter-agency workshop on HIV/AIDS, organized by UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 29 July 1994).

Andean Meeting on Workers' Health, organized by PAHO/WHO. Participated in the panel on political and economic changes and workers' health, on the topic of health, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 9-12 August 1994).

National seminar on the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN), the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), the Centre for Social Studies and Education (SUR) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Santiago, Chile, 11 August 1994).

First Pan American Conference on Public Health Education, organized by PAHO/WHO, and the sixteenth Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Public Health Education Association (ALAESP). Participated on the topic of contemporary reforms in the health sphere (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 14-19 August 1994).

Meeting in connection with the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the South American Commission for Peace (Bogotá, Colombia, 16 August 1994; Quito, Ecuador, 18 August 1994).

Seminar organized by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation of Colombia. Participation on the topic of new trends in social policy in Latin America (Bogotá, Colombia, 17 August 1994).

Meeting preparatory to the Summit of the Americas, organized by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brasilia, 25 August 1994).

Seminar on the farming sector: prospects for development 1994-1998, organized by the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture, Banco Ganadero and the Luis Carlos Galán Foundation. Participated in the panel on a new social investment strategy in the countryside (Bogotá, Colombia, 29-30 August 1994).

Twentieth Latin American Seminar on the Management of Maternal and Child Health Programmes, section on the socio-economic situation in Latin America, organized by the School of Public Health of the University of Chile. Participated on the topic of social development in Latin America: social planning policies (Santiago, Chile, 22 September 1994).

International symposium of schools of social service, organized by the School of Social Service of the University of Concepción. Participation on the topic of poverty in Latin America: trends and challenges for social services (Concepción, Chile, 22-24 September 1994).

Cochabamba Inter-agency Conference on International Cooperation and Indigenous Development, organized by the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 3-6 October 1994).

Round table on indigenous trade and development and round table on human rights and indigenous development, organized by the UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (Washington, D.C., 11-12 October 1994).

Seminar on the production of knowledge and public policies, organized by the Centre for Women's Studies (CEM) (Santiago, Chile, 17-19 October 1994).

First FISE/OAS Social Network Conference, organized by the Emergency Social Investment Fund (FISE) and OAS (Quito, Ecuador, 26-28 October 1994).

International symposium on participation, organized by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) and the Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ) (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 31 October-4 November 1994).

Meeting of the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG) on the World Summit for Social Development. Participated on the topic of non-governmental strategies for overcoming poverty (Santiago, Chile, 2-4 November 1994).

Symposium for social workers on breast-feeding, organized by the Chilean Breast-feeding League and sponsored by the Association of Social Workers and the Chilean Ministry of Public Health. Participation on the topic of "Breast-feeding: everyone's responsibility" (Santiago, Chile, 17 November 1994).

First symposium-workshop on the formulation and presentation of social projects, organized by the School of Social Service of the University of Concepción (Concepción, Chile, 24 November 1994).

National Conference on Health-Sector Reform, organized by the Guatemalan Coordinating Office for the Sectoral Health Programme (Guatemala City, 27-29 November 1994).

Meeting of experts on Cuba, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Caracas, Venezuela, 2-4 December 1994).

Latin American Summit for Social Development, organized by the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT) (Caracas, Venezuela, 4-10 December 1994).

Fourth Latin American Rural Sociology Congress, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (Concepción, Chile, 7-9 December 1994).

Conference on Youth, Poverty and Development, organized by the National Institute for Youth and the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation. Gave a presentation in the panel on social policies on youth and overcoming poverty (Santiago, Chile, 7-10 December 1994).

Conference on Social Development Policies, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 January 1995).

Inter-American meeting on rural youth, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (San José, Costa Rica, 23-25 January 1995).

Planning workshop on the National System of Information, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Policies (SIEMPRO), organized by the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26-27 January 1995).

Coordination meeting between the Government of Bolivia and international organizations in preparation for the Summit Conference on Sustainable Development, organized by the Bolivian Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 20-21 February 1995).

International workshop of youth researchers from the Southern Cone countries, organized jointly by the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 24 April 1995).

Workshop on the participation of civil society in social programmes, organized by the Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD) (Caracas, 24-26 April 1995).

Southern Cone regional seminar entitled "Towards a new model of social policies to promote the welfare of handicapped children and young people. School-age integration: a question of human rights", organized by the Inter-American Children's Institute (IACI), the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL), the Inter-American Confederation of the International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap (ILSMH), the National Association for Mentally Retarded Children (ANR) and the Honorary National Commission for the Disabled (Montevideo, Uruguay, 24-30 April 1995).

Inter-agency meeting preparatory to the Latin American Conference on Youth Training and Employment, organized jointly with the Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ) and the Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 25 April 1995).

Workshop on current characteristics of the policy-making process in Chile, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 27 April 1995).

Second Southern Brazilian Congress on the Quality of Education, organized by the Association of Municipalities of North-east Santa Catarina (AMUNESC) (Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil, 2-5 May 1995).

Summit Meeting of Social Welfare Ministers from the Rio Group, organized by the Department of Social Development of Argentina (Buenos Aires, 4-6 May 1995).

Second National Congress on Social Policies and Programmes, organized by the Planning and Promotion Council of Zulia (CONZUPLAN) (Zulia, Venezuela, 4-6 May 1995).

Second Ibero-American meeting on cooperation in the field of education, organized jointly by the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI) and the Chilean Ministry of Public Education (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 May 1995).

Workshop on policies and programmes to care for the elderly in four countries of Latin America, organized jointly by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic and Student Affairs of the University of Chile and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Santiago, Chile, 18-20 May 1995).

Seminar on indigenous development: poverty, democracy and sustainability, organized jointly by the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 22 May 1995).

First general assembly of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 23-24 May 1995)

First project coordination round table, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 25-26 May 1995).

Meeting on the development of agricultural technology in MERCOSUR, organized by the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) (Santiago, Chile, 30 May 1995).

Inter-agency task force meeting for the implementation of the Inter-America Summit's Agreement on Equitable Access to Basic Health Services (Washington, D.C., 31 May 1995).

Symposium on the theme, "The State in Latin America. Privatization or redefinition?", organized by the Institut des Hautes Études de l'Amérique Latine/Centre d'Études et de Recherche Internationales of the University of Paris (Sorbonne Nouvelle), on the topic of the State and social policies: new trends in Latin America (Paris, France, 1-2 June 1995).

Regional meeting on the problems of urban youth in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, Venezuela, 12-13 June 1995).

Workshop on urban poverty and decentralization in Latin America, organized by the Centre for Public Policy Analysis of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 June 1995).

Seminar on information on population and poverty for social policies, organized by the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) (Lima, Peru, 3 July 1995).

First conference on a new generation of development policies, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 10-13 July 1995).

Fifth scientific symposium on the environment, on the theme of global linkages: culture and the environment, organized by the Environmental Research and Planning Center (CIPMA) (Temuco, Chile, 1-4 August 1995).

Twenty-first Latin American Seminar on the Management of Maternal and Child Health Programmes, on the theme of social development in Latin America: planning policies, organized by the School of Public Health of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 21 September 1995).

Seminar on sustainable development, organized by the Environmental Studies Institute (IDEA) (Medellín, Colombia, 25-28 September 1995).

Second Annual Conference on the Rights of the Child, Panel 1 on social policies, poverty and vulnerable groups, arranged by the Organizing Commission for National Children's Rights Week in Peru and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (Lima, Peru, 27-28 September 1995).

Meeting to discuss the project "Social aspects of integration", organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 28-29 September 1995).

Special meeting on health-sector reform, organized jointly by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Washington, D.C., 29 September 1995).

Latin American seminar on culture, citizenship and integration in Latin America, organized under the Andrés Bello Agreement (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 October 1995).

Forum-panel on health in Chile's development process, organized by the Ministry of Health, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and the Association of Private Health Care Institutions (ISAPRES) of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 17-20 October 1995).

Seminar-workshop on social policies and gender, panel on justice and gender equity in social policies: debates, approaches and priorities, organized by the Catholic University of Peru (Lima, Peru, 23-25 October 1995).

Seminar on social and management indicators, organized by the University of Los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia, 24-26 October 1995).

Seminar on social policy trends in Latin America and emerging forms of citizenship, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Santiago, Chile, 25 October 1995).

Seminar on alternative models of health organization: towards a health plan for all, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 30 October 1995).

Discussion meeting on the cultural dynamics inherent in the new trends of economic liberalization, social restructuring and changing production patterns, organized by the Master's Programme in Communications and Cultural Design of the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 7-8 November 1995).

Seminar entitled "A new look at poverty indices in Chile", organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

Regional technical follow-up meeting on the agreements reached at the World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen, organized by the technical secretariat of the Ecuador Social Front and the Rio Group (Quito, Ecuador, 15-17 November 1995).

Third Ibero-American Conference on the Family, organized by the University of Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 28 November-3 December 1995).

Expert consultative meeting on rural youth extension programmes and sustainable development, organized by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (Rome, 29 November-1 December 1995).

Seminar on poverty and social participation, organized by the Bío-Bío University (Chillán, Chile, 30 November-1 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Bolivia

With the Ministry of Human Development, on following up on social policies aimed at developing proposals for overcoming poverty and reforms in the health sector; and on reconciling methods for analysing social information.

With the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, in evaluating proposals and strategies for development.

With the Office for the Presidency and the National Development Council (CONADE), in formulating a proposal for organizing and coordinating the technical units of these agencies. Subsequently, a second, follow-up mission was conducted.

Brazil

With the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation and the Getúlio Vargas Foundation, in establishing the International Centre for Sustainable Development.

With the Ministry of Social Welfare, under Project BRA/94/S07, "Technical cooperation agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Social Welfare", in preparing joint studies on issues relating to systems of social insurance and security as a contribution to constitutional revision and in the publication of vols. 3 and 4 of the series entitled "A previdência social e a revisão constitucional: pesquisas" and vol. 2 of the series entitled "A previdência social e a revisão constitucional, debates".

Chile

With the Ministry of Agriculture, with the cooperation of the Italian Government, in providing advisory services to the Maquehue Project on Community Participation in Rural Development, in Temuco.

Costa Rica

With the Government, through support for the new authorities in the social sector and especially the Second Vice-President, in evaluating the criteria for selecting social programmes and in collaborating in the drafting of the National Anti-Poverty Plan.

With the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), in formulating policies on rural youth.

Ecuador

With the Emergency Social Investment Fund (FISE), in supporting the authorities in the area of reform and modernization of the social sector.

Guatemala

With the Government and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in the area of participation by peasant farmers in regional rural development and in supervision of activities carried out under the UNDP/IFAD Project.

With the Government, in providing advisory services in the social policy sphere, as part of technical cooperation for development.

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN), in evaluating action guidelines to strengthen the Department of Statistics and Censuses and in improving the National Information System.

Nicaragua

With the Ministry for Social Action, in the area of social policies and selected social programmes.

Uruguay

With the Office of Planning and the Budget, in providing assistance under the social investment programme, and in particular in evaluating the school meals programme and in advising on new development policies and negotiations concerning the project, "Strengthening the social area".

With the National Institute of Statistics, under project BID/93/S54, "Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay", by providing advisory services in the formulation of social indicators.

With the Council on Technical and Vocational Education (formerly University of Labour of Uruguay (UTU)), under UNESCO/ECLAC project UNE/94/S02, "Study of human resource policy at the University of Labour of Uruguay".

iv) Training and fellowships

Classes on social policies and on the formulation and evaluation of social projects given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, organized by PAHO (Montevideo, Uruguay, 13-21 March 1994), for 30 participants from 6 Latin American countries.

Classes on social policies and on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, given as part of a course for social planners organized by the Centre for Social Studies and Education (SUR) (Santiago, Chile, 4 April-9 August 1994), for 27 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

Classes on the design of a sample to evaluate school meal programmes (the case of Uruguay), given as part of the fourth Inter-American course-workshop on applied sampling techniques, organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 5 April-1 July 1994), for 21 participants from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Classes on social policies and on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social projects organized by the National Planning Department and the Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) of the Orinoco Region (Bogotá, Colombia, 1-5 May 1994), for 35 participants from Colombia.

Three lectures, on the evolution of ECLAC thinking, on the social situation in Latin America, and on education and knowledge for changing production patterns with social equity, given as part of module 1 of course 107 of the fourth UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 16-25 May 1994).

Classes on the ECLAC concept of poverty; on models for measuring poverty: implementation procedures; on diagnostic analysis of poverty in Chile and Latin America; and on a proposal for public and social policies on poverty; given as part of a course on administration of anti-poverty programmes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, Anti-poverty Strategies Programme (Santiago, Chile, 28 June-31 July 1994).

Supervision of a thesis on human development with emphasis on the role of women in Alto Paraná, Paraguay, for the fourth UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, June-December 1994).

Classes on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, organized by PAHO (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24 July-6 August 1994), for 30 participants from Argentina.

Lecture on the topic, "How to continue making progress in overcoming poverty", as part of the activities of the 1994 Seasonal School course on "Overcoming poverty: much more than a strategy", organized by the Extension and International Cooperation Department of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 31 August-1 September 1994).

Classes on the formulation and evaluation of social projects and their logical framework, given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, organized by PAHO (Washington, D.C., 10-17 September 1994), for 30 participants.

Lecture on strengthening institutional capacity for social policies and development, given as part of the sixth international seminar on social policies and poverty, organized by the Corporation for Development Studies (CORDES) (Quito, Ecuador, 10-12 October 1994).

Classes on the gender perspective and women's issues in ECLAC proposals, given as part of the Postgraduate Course on Relationships between Gender, Education and Development, organized by the World University Service (Santiago, Chile, 7-23 November 1994), for 50 participants from 10 Latin American countries.

Classes on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, organized by the Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development (CIDES) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 9-11 November 1994).

Classes on methods and techniques for social diagnostic analysis, on global social policy and on the formulation and evaluation of social projects, together with a social projects workshop and a training techniques workshop, given as part of a course on the formulation and evaluation of social programmes and projects, organized by ECLAC and OAS (Santiago, Chile, 7 November-2 December 1994), for 30 participants from 10 Latin American countries.

Lecture given at the inaugural session of the Postgraduate Course on the Relationships between Gender, Education and Development, organized by the World University Service and the Chilean Quaker Service (Santiago, Chile, 9 January 1995), for 20 participants.

Classes on the social impact of recent economic changes in Latin America, given as part of a course on integrated social policies, organized by the Inter-American Children's Institute (Montevideo, Uruguay, 22-26 April 1995), for participants from Uruguay.

Class on the social effects of economic globalization in Latin America, at Arturo Prat University (Iquique, Chile, 21-25 June 1995).

Classes given in the course on poverty and social policies, part of the Social Planners Training Programme, organized by the Centre for Social Studies and Education (SUR) (Santiago, Chile, 21 April-7 July 1995), for participants from Latin American countries.

Classes given in the international course on the formulation and evaluation of social programmes and projects (Santiago, Chile, 2-27 October 1995), for 37 participants from Latin American countries.

Lectures on education, knowledge and culture in the strategy of changing production patterns with social equity and environmental sustainability and on the social panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, given in course 107 of the ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Programme on Population and Development, sponsored by UNFPA and accredited by the University of Chile. Classes on population and rural development given in course 204 C of the programme. Supervision of a thesis on the socio-demographic profile of the women of El Salvador and their participation in education and productive activities (Santiago, Chile, March-December 1995).

INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

The activities carried out by the Women and Development Unit during the biennium had as their main focus the implementation of the mandates relating to the preparations for the sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 25-29 September 1994), which served as the regional meeting preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, China, 4-15 September 1995). In view of those events, activities were conducted in three main areas: a) strengthening the secretariat's ties with the States members of ECLAC and improving regional coordination among the countries, with non-governmental organizations, and with the United Nations system; b) preparing a new regional programme of action; and c) preparing analytical documents on the situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean for evaluation by the Regional Conference at its sixth session and for subsequent presentation at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

In the course of the biennium, four meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference were held (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 30 June-1 July 1994; Mar del Plata, Argentina, 24 September 1994; Santiago, Chile, 16-18 November 1994; Santiago, Chile, 3-4 July 1995) in which specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies participated. The first two meetings focused on preparations for the sixth session of the Regional Conference; the third meeting of the Presiding Officers, which was open to all member States, finalized the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, which had been provisionally adopted by the Regional Conference at its sixth session; and the fourth meeting, which was also open to all member States, studied in detail the Platform of Action to be submitted at Beijing, together with logistical considerations concerning the Conference.

In addition, two preparatory subregional governmental meetings were held: the Caribbean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 28-29 June 1994); and the Subregional Meeting for Mexico and Central America Preparatory to the Sixth Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 4-6 July 1994), organized jointly with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Both meetings were attended by the Coordinator of the Regional NGO Forum. The Unit also participated in the Andean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Sixth Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by UNICEF (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 18-20 July 1994).

Preparation of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (LC/L.868(MDM.20/2)) was completed in accordance with the mandates and recommendations of the Fifth Regional Conference. It was adopted at the sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 25-29 September 1994) and published as a document with the symbol LC/G.1855. The Programme of Action contains eight strategic areas: gender equity; economic and social development with a gender perspective: women's equitable share in the decisions, responsibilities and benefits of development; elimination of poverty among women; women's equitable participation in decision-making and in the exercise of power in public and private life; human rights, peace and violence; shared family responsibilities; recognition of cultural plurality in the region; and international support and cooperation.

Studies on the situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s were prepared, some in collaboration with specialized agencies of the United Nations system (UNESCO, ILO and WHO). The topics centred on the situation regarding work, education, health, political participation, violence, human resource training and other matters involving specific groups of women, especially the uprooted.

i) Documents

Las mujeres y el poder en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1259).

Activities of the ECLAC Secretariat from 1 June 1991 to 31 May 1994 relating to the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.829(CRM.6/3)).

Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s: diagnostic elements and proposals (LC/L.836(CRM.6/4)).

Draft Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (LC/L.837(CRM.6/5)).

Report of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 24 September 1994) (LC/L.876(MDM.19/1)).

Twentieth Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 16-18 November 1994) (LC/L.872(MDM.20/3)).

Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (LC/G.1855).

Report of the Sixth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, 25-29 September 1994) (LC/G.1850(CRM.6/7)).

Report of the Twenty-first Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 July 1995) (LC/L.904(MDM.21/3)).

Changing power and autonomy of the Caribbean women, Mujer y desarrollo series, No. 14 (LC/L.881).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the Women and Development Unit

Workshop on women's participation in the manufacturing industry: patterns, determinants and future trends. Regional analysis: Latin America and the Caribbean. Organized by the Joint ECLAC/UNIDO Industrial and Technological Development Unit (Santiago, Chile, 2-3 August 1994).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Andean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Sixth Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by UNICEF (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 18-20 July 1994).

International seminar on the production of knowledge and public policies: gender studies, organized by the Centre for Women's Studies (CEM) (Santiago, Chile, 17-19 October 1994).

Presentation of regional activities relating to women at the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York City, 7-18 March 1994; New York City, 15-23 March 1995).

Ad-hoc inter-agency meeting (New York City, 3-4 March 1994; New York City, 3-13 March 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 10: STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

During the reporting period, the Statistics and Economic Projections Division conducted activities in the following areas: i) enlargement of the regional framework of statistical information; ii) development and dissemination of statistical information; iii) regional cooperation on statistics; and iv) prospective studies on development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the region's position in the global economy.

The regional framework of statistical information was considerably enlarged and strengthened by the consolidation and smooth operation of the Short-term Indicators Database, the final incorporation of the latest international statistical classifications based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) for external trade data, the creation of an External Debt Database for the countries of the region, and the incorporation of new surveys into the Household Survey Data Bank. Work has also begun on changing the base year for national accounts to a more recent year.

In the area of development and dissemination of statistical information, special emphasis was placed on support for implementation of the revised edition of the System of National Accounts (SNA 1993) in the region. The English edition of the SNA 1993 Manual (United Nations, 1994) was brought out at the same time as the fifth edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (International Monetary Fund (IMF), 1994). On that topic, ECLAC and IMF co-hosted a seminar on balance of payments statistics (Santiago, Chile, November 1994), for in-depth study of the new concepts and methods for computing the balance of payments and how they relate to SNA 1993. This seminar was attended by 28 participants from 17 Latin American countries. Later, in December 1995, a technical meeting was held on international price comparison in the context of the new System of National Accounts.

In addition, improvements were made in the methods for estimating income distribution and poverty and calculating new external trade unit value indexes. Special attention was paid to developing computer systems enabling users to access ECLAC statistical databases directly; a system of retrieval and analysis of information from the External Trade Data Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (BADECEL) was set up using the program SAS Windows.

In the area of regional technical cooperation, a number of projects are being carried out in matters relating to the formation of statistical databases, household surveys, improvement of national accounts, production of basic statistics, and social policies and programmes. Of special note in this regard was the Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters (Santiago, Chile, October 1994), for which ECLAC served as technical secretariat and presented subprogrammes of work in the following areas: i) adaptation and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of SNA 1993; ii) environmental statistics and indicators; iii) poverty statistics and indicators; and iv) dissemination of statistical information.

Lastly, with regard to prospective studies on development and the integration of the region into the world economy, the emphasis was twofold: first, on reviewing the outside factors that influence the evolution of the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean and an examination of the medium- and long-term prospects; and second, on analysing the position of the region in the global economy in order to predict potential economic growth trends for the countries individually and the region as a whole. In that regard, national macroeconomic projections were updated and the regional economy was monitored in the context of Project Link, which coordinates world economic projections under the supervision of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis (DESIPA).

i) Documents

Dirección del comercio exterior de América Latina y el Caribe según principales productos y grupos de productos, 1970-1992, Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL series, No. 20 (LC/G.1785-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.94.II.G.5.

Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993 (LC/G.1786-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E/S.94.II.G.1.

Regional seminar on the implementation of revision 4 of the United Nations System of National Accounts (SNA 1993); final report (Santiago, Chile, 22-26 November 1993) (LC/G.1795).

América Latina: exportaciones e importaciones de bienes por sectores de actividad económica y principales países de destino y origen (LC/G.1811).

Social panorama of Latin America, 1994 edition (in collaboration with the Social Development Division) (LC/G.1844).

Preliminary overview of the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1846).

Estructura del gasto de consumo en los hogares en América Latina, Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL series, No. 21 (LC/G.1847-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.3.

Informe final de la Reunión Conjunta OEA/CEPAL en Materia de Estadística (Santiago, Chile, 11-14 October 1994) (LC/G.1848(SEM.80/10)).

Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1853-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E/S.95.II.G.1.

América Latina y el Caribe: dirección del comercio exterior de los principales productos alimenticios y agrícolas según países de destino y procedencia, 1979-1993, Cuadernos estadísticos de la CEPAL series, No. 22 (LC/G.1859-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.12.

Latin American poverty profiles for the early 1990s (LC/L.716).

Informe del Taller regional sobre indicadores para la formulación de políticas sociales (Santiago, Chile, 12-14 December 1994) (LC/L.884). Prepared in collaboration with the Social Development Division.

Glosario de términos de cuentas nacionales en español (LC/R.1256).

Clasificaciones y cuentas del Sistema de Cuentas Nacionales 1993: Anexo V del SCN 1993 (LC/R.1311).

Glosario de términos de cuentas nacionales. Español-inglés/Inglés-español (LC/R.1342).

Análisis preliminar de las exportaciones de Argentina, Brasil, Chile y México según grupos seleccionados de productos (LC/R.1352).

Países industrializados: resumen de las proyecciones económicas para 1993-1994 (LC/R.1353).

Directorio de expertos en cuentas nacionales de los países en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1400).

Evolución reciente de los precios de los principales productos básicos en el mercado mundial y perspectivas para 1994 (LC/R.1401).

Statistical cooperation activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean during 1993 and 1994 (LC/R.1430(SEM.80/2)).

Single European standard statistical classification of environmental protection activities (LC/R.1431(SEM.80/3)).

Activities of international organizations in the field of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting (LC/R.1432(SEM.80/4)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-1996; Subprogramme 1: adaptation and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (LC/R.1440(SEM.80/5)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-1996; Subprogramme 3: social and poverty statistics and indicators (LC/R.1443(SEM.80/7)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-1996; Subprogramme 2: activities in the field of environment statistics and indicators (LC/R.1446(SEM.80/6)).

Programme of international statistical work for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-1996; Subprogramme 4: dissemination of statistical information (LC/R.1448(SEM.80/8)).

Temas relacionados con el mejoramiento y ampliación de la producción de estadísticas básicas y de precios para la implementación del SCN 1993 (LC/R.1452(SEM.80/9)).

Países industrializados: resumen de las proyecciones económicas para 1994-1995 (LC/R.1481).

América Latina y el Caribe: evolución y diversificación de las exportaciones (LC/R.1482).

El crecimiento económico y su difusión social: el caso de Chile de 1987 a 1992 (LC/R.1483).

Evolución reciente de los precios de los principales productos básicos en el mercado mundial y perspectivas para 1995 (LC/R.1537).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters (Santiago, Chile, 11-14 October 1994).

ECLAC/IMF seminar on balance of payments statistics, for 28 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela (Santiago, Chile, 7-25 November 1994).

Seminar on dissemination of statistical information, for 34 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and two organizations: the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (Madrid) and the United Nations Statistical Division (Santiago, Chile, 3-7 July 1995).

Expert group meeting on international price comparison in the framework of the new System of National Accounts, for 10 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, Venezuela and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 4-7 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

National forum on strategic alternatives for Brazil's integration into the international economy, sponsored by the National Institute for Higher Studies (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 28 February 1994).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the United Nations (New York City, 9-12 March 1994).

Special session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (New York City, 11-15 April 1994).

Fifteenth meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Statistical Conference of the OAS (Washington, D.C., 5-6 May 1994).

Meeting of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) of the United Nations (Rome, Italy, 5-12 June 1994).

Conference of the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries, sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Paris, France, 13-17 June 1994).

Course in national accounting, sponsored by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics of Mexico and the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (CESD-Madrid) (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 9-16 July 1994).

Meeting of the Evaluation Committee of project BID/93/S54, "Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay" (Montevideo, Uruguay, 13-15 July and 7-8 December 1994).

First seminar of the Brazilian Society for Studies of Transnational Enterprises and Economic Globalization (SOBEET) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 22-23 August 1994).

Seminar on Brazil's new position in the global economy, NAFTA and hemispheric integration, organized by the National Institute for Higher Studies (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 5 September 1994).

Seventeenth session of the working group on programmes of international statistics and coordination (New York City, 6-9 September 1994).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the Project Link Research Centre, the Institute for Policy Analysis and the University of Toronto, Canada (Salamanca, Spain, 12-16 September 1994).

Seminar on a project for Aysén: development options, organized by the Regional Secretariat for Planning and Coordination, Region XI (Aysén, Chile, 13-14 September 1994).

Symposium on growing level of development of Latin America and the role of the State, sponsored by the Goethe Institute and the Foundation for Economics and Statistics (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 21-23 September 1994).

Working group on trade, integration and economic development, sponsored by the North-South Center, University of Miami (Buenos Aires, 3-4 October 1994).

Forum on industrial and technological policy, organized by the Institute of Economic and Social Planning (IPEA) and the Centre for Industries of the State of São Paulo (FIESP/CIESP) (São Paulo, Brazil, 31 October 1994).

United Nations Statistical Division (UNSTAT) expert group meeting on development of impairment, disability and handicap statistics (Voorburg, Netherlands, 7-11 November 1994).

Third meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the revision of the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps (Voorburg, Netherlands, 14-18 November 1994).

Refresher course on foreign capital management, organized by the Central Bank of Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30 November-1 December 1994).

Seminar-workshop, "Towards the future: a strategy for O'Higgins", organized by the Intendancy (Office of the Regional Governor) of Region VI (Rapel, Chile, 6 December 1994).

Interregional seminar on the System of National Accounts 1993, organized by the United Nations Statistical Division (New York City, 22 January-2 February 1995).

Meeting of the inter-agency task force on the measurement of poverty, organized by the World Bank Group (Washington, D.C, 26-27 January 1995).

Meeting of the United Nations Statistical Commission (New York City, 26 February-3 March 1995).

Meeting to evaluate the results of the project, "Improving national accounts and basic statistics" (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 8-11 March 1995).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the United Nations (New York City, 15-18 March 1995).

Seminar on analysis of the economic situation, organized by the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (Cartagena, Colombia, 3-7 April 1995).

Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Statistical Conference (Washington, D.C, 27-28 April 1995).

Meeting of the SIENA Group, sponsored by Statistics Denmark and the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) (Oslo, Norway, 8-9 June 1995).

United Nations Expert Group on the statistical implications of the United Nations summit meetings, sponsored by Statistics Denmark and ISTAT (Oslo, Norway, 10 June 1995).

Meeting of European statisticians, sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Geneva, Switzerland, 11-20 June 1995).

Twenty-ninth meeting of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) of the United Nations (Geneva, Switzerland, 15-19 June 1995).

Technical meeting on monitoring the goals in favour of children (Antigua, Guatemala, 15-18 August 1995).

Meeting of Project Link, organized by the Institute for Policy Analysis of the University of Toronto, Canada, and the University of Pretoria, South Africa (Pretoria, 25-29 September 1995).

Regional seminar on implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (Caracas, Venezuela, 22-24 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

LAIA

With the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), in organizing the Meeting of Foreign Trade Officials of its member countries on the subject of foreign trade.

Bolivia

With the Government's Social Policy Analysis Unit on computerized processing of information required to define and calculate basic food baskets and poverty lines.

Brazil

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA) on measuring poverty.

With the Government's Brazilian Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development, on issues relating to development and social equity, and in analysis of the strategy of adjustment of Brazilian enterprises to globalization of production.

Colombia

With the National Bureau of Statistics, in evaluating its computer systems as applied to statistical data; also in relation to social indicators as part of project HOL/94/S60, "Diagnosis and evaluation of recent socio-economic progress and of social policies in the Latin American and Caribbean countries".

El Salvador

Lectures on foreign trade for participants from Central American countries.

Mexico

With the Government, on measuring poverty.

With the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics, on activities related to electronic exchange of data.

Peru

With the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics, on the study and organization of census data on poverty.

Uruguay

With the National Institute of Statistics, on electronic methods and systems for processing statistical data, under project BID/93/S54, "Programme to improve socio-economic information systems in Uruguay".

Venezuela

With the Government, on measuring poverty.

iv) Training and fellowships

Training course in statistics on women, sponsored by the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (CESD-Madrid), for Latin American officials (Madrid, Spain, 24 March-4 April 1995).

Addresses on development in Latin America for the Master's Programme on Development in Latin America, organized by the Ibero-American Centre of the International University of Andalusía, ILPES and ECLAC (La Rábida, Spain, 14-21 May 1995).

Address on development in Latin America, given at the Ortega y Gasset University Institute (Madrid, Spain, 21-23 May 1995).

Course on national accounting in institutional sectors under the new System of National Accounts, sponsored by the European Training Centre for Economic Statisticians of Developing Countries (CESD-Madrid) (San José, Costa Rica, 4-8 June 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 11: TRANSPORT

During the 1994-1995 biennium, ECLAC activities in the field of transport were concentrated in three main areas: research, technical cooperation and institutional support.

In the area of research, studies on urban transport were carried out, appearing in documents entitled "The development of urban public transport in Latin America and the world" (LC/G.1817) and "La tarificación vial urbana: su historia y perspectivas" (LC/R.1478). The first document deals with the evolution of urban passenger transport and the distinctive characteristics of each mode of transport, individual or collective, road or rail, and the problems associated with each in terms of the development of public services in large cities. The second study addresses one of the most controversial solutions to the problem of urban traffic congestion, which entails requiring those who use public roads to pay the costs associated with their road-use. Two studies were published in connection with infrastructure for overland road transport. The first study, entitled "Esbozo de una política para el sector vial" (LC/R.1380), analyses the financial and institutional aspects of road-use management and highway maintenance, while the second document, entitled "Legislación modelo de conservación vial" (LC/L.899), outlines proposals for ensuring the constitutional legality of the mechanisms chosen to finance such maintenance. Also in the research area, a book was prepared under the title Privatización, reforma laboral y equidad social: el caso de los puertos de América Latina y el Caribe, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 77 (LC/G.1880-P).

In the area of technical cooperation, work was completed on project FRG/92/S25, "Technical cooperation among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of road maintenance", financed by the Government of Germany. A programme of assistance to the Operational Network of Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities in South America, Mexico and Panama was developed with the financial support of the European Commission; it concerns the design and implementation of an information system for ship inspection by port authorities, as a contribution to better monitoring of compliance with safety standards in maritime transport. In addition, technical cooperation activities were carried out with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) in the preparation of guidelines for its investments in port infrastructure and services in Central American countries.

In the area of institutional support, assistance was provided to the Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works, to the Meeting of Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works of the Andean Group, and to regional organizations such as the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC), the Latin American and Caribbean Federation of National Associations of Cargo Agents (ALACAT), the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF) and the Meeting of National Customs Directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Studies were conducted and draft international agreements were prepared which were adopted in various forms in regional working groups on land and multimodal transport.

i) Documents

Boletín FAL. Boletín sobre facilitación del comercio y el transporte en América Latina y el Caribe, Nos. 109-115, 1994.

Boletín FAL. Boletín sobre facilitación del comercio y el transporte en América Latina y el Caribe, Nos. 116-122, 1995.

The development of urban public transport in Latin America and the world (LC/G.1817).

Privatización, reforma laboral y equidad social: el caso de los puertos de América Latina y el Caribe, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 77 (LC/G.1880-P).

Legislación modelo de conservación vial (LC/L.899).

Esbozo de una política para el sector vial (LC/R.1380).

La tarificación vial urbana: su historia y perspectivas (LC/R.1478).

Una evaluación crítica de algunos aspectos del desarrollo de un sistema de transporte urbano de Santiago de Chile (LC/R.1529).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Workshop on the legal concepts involved in the management of road maintenance (Santiago, Chile, 11-13 April 1994).

Meeting of experts on multimodal transport, organized jointly with the Central American Commission of Maritime Transport (San Salvador, El Salvador, 6-7 September 1995).

Seminar on public works in Chile, organized jointly with the Official Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 6 October 1995).

Meeting of experts on the impact of ports on the exporting process: changes and administration, organized jointly with the Maritime League of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 26-27 October 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Fifteenth Meeting of Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works of the Andean Group (Cartagena, Colombia, 6-9 April 1994).

Thirteenth Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Federation of National Associations of Cargo Agents (ALACAT) (Miami, Florida, 1-5 May 1994).

Presentation on privatization of ports in Chile, at the Eighth Terminal Operations Conference (Amsterdam, Netherlands, 25-27 June 1994).

Second Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works (Caracas, Venezuela, 30 June-1 July 1994).

Fifteenth Meeting of National Customs Directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal (Lima, 24-28 October 1994).

Thirtieth Regular General Assembly of the Latin American Railways Association (ALAF) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24-28 October 1994).

Seventh Meeting of the Operational Network of Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities in South America, Mexico and Panama (ROCRAM) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 12-16 December 1994).

Presentation on the problems and challenges facing Latin American ports, presented at the seminar on reforms and new policies on ports in Latin America, organized by the World Bank and the Port of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain, 27-30 March 1995).

Presentation on infrastructure as a factor of economic integration in Latin America, presented at the seminar, "Towards a strategic vision of infrastructure as a tool of integration. The case of Ibero-America", organized by the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome (Barcelona, Spain, 18-20 September 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

With the thirteenth Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Federation of National Associations of Cargo Agents (ALACAT); with the second Conference of South American Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works; with the Central American Commission of Maritime Transport (COCATRAM); and with the fifteenth Meeting of Ministers of Transport, Communications and Public Works of the Andean Group, in regard to multimodal transport.

Latin American Railways Federation (ALAF)

With the thirtieth Regular General Assembly of ALAF, in regard to information systems for monitoring railway cars.

Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)

On port infrastructure and services in the countries of Central America.

Latin American Congress on Public and Urban Transport

On road pricing.

Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC)

On international road transport of goods and passengers.

Organization of American States (OAS)

With the Permanent Technical Committee on Ports, on labour reform in ports.

Operational Network of Regional Cooperation among Maritime Authorities in South America, Mexico and Panama (ROCRAM)

With the seventh meeting of the Network, concerning information systems for the inspection of ships by port authorities.

Meeting of National Customs Directors of Latin America, Spain and Portugal

On customs transit.

Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)

On physical integration.

Argentina

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Worship and International Trade, with respect to article 19 of the Economic Complementarity Agreement between Argentina and Chile.

With the Argentine Naval Prefecture, on information systems for the inspection of ships by port authorities.

With the Municipality of Córdoba, on the city of the future.

With the Association of Automotive Transport Authorities of Buenos Aires, on urban passenger transport.

With the Municipality of Rosario, on port development.

Bolivia

With the Department of Transport, Communications and Civil Aeronautics, on international land transport.

Brazil

With the national seminar on PROVIAL (Road Maintenance Training Programme of the World Bank), concerning road maintenance management.

Chile

With the Ministry of Public Works, on road maintenance management.

With the State Railway Corporation, on haulage equipment.

With the Chilean Port Corporation, on port management and operations.

With the Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Public Works for Region IX , on the socio-economic assessment of natural disasters.

With the Municipality of Sierra Gorda and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Rancagua, on tourism projects.

With the Autonomous University of the South, on the teaching of transport economics.

Colombia

With the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, on multimodal transport.

With the Colombian Institute of International Affairs (ICAI), on public transport systems.

With the Cali Chamber of Commerce, on multimodal transport.

Mexico

With the Mexican port authorities, on the privatization of ports.

Panama

With the national seminar on PROVIAL (Road Maintenance Training Programme of the World Bank), on management of road maintenance.

Peru

With the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, on the road maintenance management.

With the Centre for Land Transport Research, Documentation and Advisory Assistance (CIDATT), on the deregulation of passenger transport.

SUBPROGRAMME 12: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

In the 1994-1995 biennium, ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico undertook new activities, continued previous projects and directed its efforts in ways designed to bring long-term results. One of its most important regular activities was the annual analysis of the economic changes experienced by the 10 countries of the subregion. The subregional headquarters also participated intensively in meetings and seminars on economic development, which offered the opportunity to explain and elaborate upon various aspects of the integrated approach and the concept of open regionalism and thus to disseminate these ECLAC proposals and urge their current relevance as development options for the subregion.

Efforts continued in collaboration with and in support of Central American integration organizations. Of special importance in this regard was the close working relationship maintained with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI). The financial support of this institution, channelled through a specific project, required collaboration between a number of sections and was directed towards four areas: housing, ports, energy and non-traditional agricultural exports. Activities were aimed at identifying mechanisms to facilitate investment in Central America and entail a long-term commitment.

Also satisfactory were the results achieved by a seminar of high-level experts held in Guatemala in November 1994, which served as preparation for the realization, after many years, of a special consultation meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE). One of the documents discussed on that occasion sought to adapt the open regionalism proposal to the specific conditions of Central America. Another study, prepared in cooperation with a number of sections of the subregional headquarters in Mexico, analysed the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on the economies of Central America and the Caribbean. Both studies, in revised form, were published as books in 1995.

The special consultation meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE) was held as planned at the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico City on 10 March 1995; the meeting provided an opportunity to exchange opinions and ideas on the future of Central American integration, in the light of the adjustment processes, the commitments made at the Summit of the Americas and the many negotiations in progress. The meeting was attended by the economic ministers of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, with ECLAC serving as secretariat. In response to a mandate emanating from this meeting, ECLAC convened a regular meeting of CCE in Guatemala City on 28-29 September 1995. On this occasion Panama also attended, as a full member of CCE, and its presence widened the range of views brought to bear on the topics under discussion. ECLAC subregional headquarters submitted a report to the meeting on the progress achieved in the work requested and on the results obtained in the following areas: i) open regionalism and effective protection in Central America, ii) the path towards hemispheric integration for Central America and iii) investment and its links with trade.

With regard to technical assistance to Governments, of special note was the mission entrusted with preparing a comprehensive analysis of the economy of Costa Rica. Also in the area of economic development, a detailed study on public investment was completed. In addition, an examination of investment and financing in Central America was done as a preliminary to work in depth on a regional scale over the long term; the first concrete outcome was a meeting organized by the subregional headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in July 1995. Lastly, a paper on the "maquiladora" industry in Mexico deserves special mention for its thorough treatment of the subject and the frame of reference it provides on this branch of production in the context of NAFTA.

In the area of international trade relations, a project for the promotion of investment and trade was executed with the cooperation of the Government of the Netherlands. Simultaneously, work continued on the process of Central American integration. In view of the current process of economic globalization, it was thought important to outline the options available to Central American countries with respect to new cooperation, integration and trade agreements. Work was begun on an extensive study of the readiness of the Central American countries and the Dominican Republic to participate in NAFTA or the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

In the area of social development, women's issues were given top priority, and studies were prepared on women in relation to human resources, poverty, the urban informal sector and the "maquiladora" industry. A document on the issue of displaced women was discussed at the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean held in September 1994 in Mar del Plata. The issue of social security was also accorded a high priority. The study produced on this topic gave rise to very fruitful discussion at a meeting of experts which took place in May 1995 in Mexico City. Lastly, basic social indicators for the subregion were formulated using a new methodology and were published in April 1995.

Concern for the problem of food in Central America focused on an analysis of the basic grains situation. An extensive study on the subject was presented at a seminar held in Nicaragua in October 1994 and aroused much interest among producers from the region who attended. In addition, a meeting of consultants was convened in February 1995 in Tegucigalpa to discuss the project on promoting non-traditional exports.

In the area of industrial development, the Industrial Development Unit at the subregional headquarters undertook to analyse industrial policy options for Central America, evaluate the impact of NAFTA on the small economies of the region, deepen understanding of the dynamics of small and medium-sized enterprises and compile a data base for the annual study of industry in Central America. It published a study of the industrial situation in Central America in 1993.

Subregional headquarters began to take an active part in project SWE/94/S18, "Comparative study on the experiences of privatization in Bolivia and Nicaragua", financed by the Swedish International Development Agency. In this regard, the subregional headquarters took part in May 1995 in a seminar on privatization and regulation, which was organized by ECLAC headquarters and held in Nicaragua.

In the area of energy, one particularly noteworthy activity was project CAN/94/S28, "General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy", which was financed by the Canadian Government; the focus of this project was on the reorganization of electricity companies and regulatory frameworks in Central America. The subprogramme participated in the project, "Supplementary accord to the technical cooperation agreement between CABEI and the United Nations through ECLAC", and in project FRG/94/S03, "Energy and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE). The Unit continued to provide support to regional organizations, such as the Central American Electrification Council and the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons. An in-depth study of the San José Accord was presented to Central American Governments, and it convinced the countries to undertake the task of standardizing specifications for a number of petroleum products.

A variety of technical cooperation activities were carried out during the course of the biennium, primarily with Central American countries, in the areas of macroeconomic policy, institutional change, national accounts, non-traditional agricultural exports, assessment of industrial competitiveness and electrical integration. Of special note in the macroeconomic policy area were the advisory services provided to the United Nations representative in the peace negotiations in Guatemala.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

i) Documents

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.244/Rev.1).

Honduras: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.249).

El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.250).

Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.251).

Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.252).

Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.253).

República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.254).

Panamá: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.255).

México: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.258).

Aspectos del comportamiento de la inversión pública en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.456/Rev.1).

Nicaragua: an economy in transition (LC/MEX/R.458).

Cuba: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/R.477).

Haití: evolución económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/R.479).

México: panorama económico, 1994 (LC/MEX/R.489).

Inversión y financiamiento en Centroamérica: aspectos macroeconómicos y sociales (LC/MEX/R.504/Rev.1(SEM.72/2)).

La economía de Costa Rica: retos y perspectivas (LC/MEX/R.505).

La inversión extranjera en Cuba. Aspectos recientes (LC/MEX/R.513).

Cambio institucional y acción colectiva: nuevos alcances en economía política (LC/MEX/R.515).

El Salvador: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.517).

Guatemala: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.518).

Nicaragua: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.519).

Costa Rica: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.520).

República Dominicana: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.521).

Honduras: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.522).

Panamá: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.523).

Cuba: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.524).

Haití: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.525).

México: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/R.527).

México: Panorama económico, 1995 (LC/MEX/R.538).

Informe provisional de la Reunión de Expertos sobre el Papel de la Inversión y el Financiamiento en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.539(SEM.72/3)).

México: la industria maquiladora (LC/MEX/L.263).

Inflación y estabilización en Centroamérica (LC/MEX/L.269).

Centroamérica: evolución económica durante 1994 (LC/MEX/L.270).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Special meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE) (Mexico City, 10 March 1995).

Seminar on the role of investment and financing in changing production patterns in Central America (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 3-4 July 1995).

Eleventh regular meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE) (Antigua, Guatemala, 28-29 September 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on the Mexican economy on the threshold of the year 2000, organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, 27-28 January 1994).

International seminar on scenarios for Central America in the light of changes in the world economic environment, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (San José, Costa Rica, 17-18 February 1994).

Twentieth special session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Mexico City, 17-19 February 1994).

Seminar on Latin America and the international economic system in the 1990s: macro-level adjustment policies and their alternatives, organized by McGill University (Montreal, Canada, 7-8 April 1994).

Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Guadalajara, Mexico, 9-12 April 1994).

International seminar on the fourth revision of the United Nations System of National Accounts, organized by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 9-13 May 1994).

General Assembly of the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (Mexico City, 16-18 May 1994).

Seminar on problems in the promotion of investment and international trade in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation and the Centre for Research on the World Economy (Havana, Cuba, 23-27 May 1994).

World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, organized by the National Research Council, Board on Natural Disasters (Yokohama, Japan, 23-27 May 1994).

Fourth Congress of Professionals in the Economic Sciences and eighth Congress of Professionals in the Economic Sciences in Central America and the Caribbean, organized by the Costa Rican Association of Professionals in the Economic Sciences (San José, Costa Rica, 25-27 May 1994).

Twentieth regular meeting of the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Mexico City, 30 May-3 June 1994).

Seminar on fiscal policy in Mexico, 1980-1993, organized by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and the ECLAC/UNDP regional project on fiscal policy (Mexico City, 31 May 1994).

Second resumed technical meeting of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Mexico City, 3-5 June 1994).

Nineteenth International Spring Symposium on global development, the environmental and international problems of a fragmented world, organized by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) (Mexico City, 13-16 June 1994).

Regional symposium on NAFTA and Central American integration, organized by the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN) (Guatemala City, 21-22 June 1994).

Seminar on the topic, "Reflections on the democratic transition", organized by the Office of the President, the National Assembly, the Commission for the Coordination of Central American Development (CCDCA) and the Central American Institute of Business Administration (INCAE), of Nicaragua; the Institute of Central American Studies, of Washington, D.C.; the Foundation for a Civil Society, of New York; the North-South Center, of Miami; and the Centre for Strategic Studies for Strengthening Salvadoran Democracy (DEMOS) (Managua, Nicaragua, 23-24 June 1994).

Plenary meeting of the National Coordinating Committee for Activities Preparatory to the International Conference on Population and Development, organized by the Mexican Ministry of the Interior (Mexico City, 1 July 1994).

Second International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, organized by the Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Managua, 4-7 July 1994).

Seminar on neoliberal economic stabilization policy in Mexico, organized by the Institute of Economics Research of UNAM (Mexico City, 15 July 1994).

Ninth Central American Congress on Sociology, organized by the Dr. Guillermo M. Ungo Foundation, Central American University, and other institutions (San Salvador, 22 July 1994).

Conference to disseminate ECLAC documents, in fulfilment of the resolutions of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission, organized by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations (Mexico City, 3 August 1994).

Meeting on peace and reconciliation, organized by UNDP (Guatemala City, 4 August 1994).

Sixth meeting of the Group of Ten (G-10), organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) (Guatemala City, 5 August 1994).

Seminar-workshop on the new process of integration, organized by UNDP, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and SIECA (San José, Costa Rica, 16 August 1994).

Regional Conference on Trade Blocs: Cooperative Linkages, organized by the International Cooperative Alliance (Quito, Ecuador, 25 August 1994).

Regional course on national accounts, organized by the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic and the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 29 August 1994).

Seminar on the theme, "Businessmen and their commitment to social development", organized by the Pan American Peace Commission (Cancún, Mexico, 5-6 September 1994).

Seminar on scenarios for Central America in the light of changes in the world economic environment, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (San José, Costa Rica, 29-30 September 1994).

Lecture-discussion on the United Nations and the challenges of the twenty-first century, organized by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of UNAM (Mexico City, 17 October 1994).

International Conference on Peace and Development in Central America, organized by the Government of Honduras (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 24-25 October 1994).

Seminar on housing as investment, organized by the Nicaraguan Housing Bank (Managua, Nicaragua, 3-4 November 1994).[1]

Regional Consultation - Central American Region, organized by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (San José, Costa Rica, 23-24 November 1994).

Seminar on the environment and international economic negotiations, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 5-6 December 1994).

Twenty-sixth meeting of Macroasesoría Económica subscribers, organized by Macroasesoría Económica, S.A. (Mexico City, 8 December 1994).

San José XI Ministerial Meeting, organized by the Ministries of Foreign Relations of Central America (Panama City, 23-24 February 1995).

Meeting to analyse the situation in Mexico, organized by the Tepoztlán Centre (Tepoztlán, Mexico, 4 April 1995).

Meetings of the expert group on the peace process in Guatemala, organized by the United Nations (Washington, D.C., 12 April and 4 May 1995).

Meeting of the working group on the Miami Declaration of Principles, organized by Summit of the Americas 1994 (San Salvador, 4-6 May 1995).

Seminar on prospects for the San José process, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) (San José, Costa Rica, 29-31 May 1995).

Inaugural ceremony of the diplomatic training course for officials from foreign services of Central American countries, organized by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City, 26 June 1995).

Fourth seminar on business opportunities in the Caribbean Basin, organized by Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior of Mexico (Cancún, Mexico, 28-30 June 1995).

Twenty-first regular meeting of the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (San Salvador, 12-13 July 1995).

Meeting of Central American Ministers to present the IDB/ECLAC institutional project (Guatemala City, 24-25 August 1995).

Fourth plenary session of the Commission for the Coordination of Central American Development (CCDCA) (Managua, Nicaragua, 25 August 1995).

Fifth regular meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Central America (Managua, Nicaragua, 24-25 August 1995).

Twenty-eighth regular meeting of the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD), organized by the Mexican Department of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (Mexico City, 5-6 October 1995).

Seminar on public finances in Mexico, organized by the Colegio de México and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Mexico City, 9-10 October 1995).

Meeting of the Central American group of high-level advisors on the process of rationalizing and strengthening the organs of Central American integration, organized by the Honduran Ministry for Central American Integration and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 27 October 1995).

Meeting of academics on Mexico's external debt: analysis and prospects, organized by the Colegio de México (Mexico City, 30 October 1995).

Seminar on economic cooperation between the European Union and Central America, organized by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) (Managua, Nicaragua, 6-8 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Costa Rica

With the Government, on analysing the macroeconomic situation and defining guidelines for short- and medium-term economic policy.

With the Central Bank, on challenges and prospects for the country's economy; on fiscal reform, on taxation issues and suggestions of measures which might usefully be adopted; and on short-term economic policies.

Cuba

With the Government, on the new United Nations system of national accounts.

El Salvador

With the El Salvador office of the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees (PRODERE), on economic development.

With the Economic and Social Advisory Group of the Ministry of Planning and Coordination of Economic and Social Development, on institutional analysis of statistics and censuses.

With the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development, in developing a project on reforming public administration.

Guatemala

With the Government, in preparations for peace negotiations.

With the Social Research and Study Association, on policies of economic regulation and deregulation.

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget, in developing a macroeconomic compatibility model.

With the Central Bank, on investment and financing.

Dominican Republic

With the Central Bank, in offering a regional course on national accounts.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

i) Documents

Salud, equidad y capital humano en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.243).

Las mujeres en la formación de los recursos humanos en Centroamérica: eficiencia y equidad (LC/MEX/L.246).

Indicadores sociales básicos de la Subregión Norte de América Latina y el Caribe, 1950-1994 (LC/MEX/L.266).

Seguridad social y equidad en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.268).

Informe provisional de la Reunión de Expertos sobre Seguridad Social y Equidad en el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.273).

Mujeres desarraigadas y pobreza en Centroamérica: un área de atención especial (LC/MEX/R.467).

Informe de la Reunión Subregional Preparatoria de la Sexta Conferencia Regional sobre la Integración de la Mujer en el Desarrollo Económico y Social de América Latina y el Caribe (LC/MEX/R.482(SEM.64/3)/Rev.1).

El sector informal urbano desde la perspectiva de género: el caso de México (LC/MEX/R.497(SEM.69/2)).

Centroamérica: la industria maquiladora de exportación y el empleo femenino (LC/MEX/R.501).

El apoyo a las iniciativas empresariales de los pobres: experiencias en el Istmo Centroamericano, México y la República Dominicana (LC/MEX/R.540).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Sixth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 4-6 July 1994).

Workshop on the urban informal sector from the perspective of gender: the case of Mexico (Mexico City, 28-29 November 1994).

Meeting of experts on social security (Mexico City, 18-19 May 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Workshop on validation of the social exclusion model at the departmental level, organized by PRODERE (San Salvador, 1-2 March 1994).

Regional forum on women in the Americas: participation and development, organized by IDB and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (Guadalajara, Mexico, 5-7 April 1994).

International workshop on poverty: definitions, concepts and methodologies for measuring poverty, organized by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI) (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 9 April 1994).

Third meeting of the Central American Subnetwork of Government Offices for Women, organized by the Americas and Caribbean Regional Office of UNICEF (Mexico City, 6-8 July 1994).

Course-workshop on legislation in the health sphere, organized by the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 21 July 1994).

International symposium on education and poverty: from social inequality to equity, organized by the Colegio de México (Toluca, Mexico, 24 October 1994).

Seventh seminar on social security, round table on prospects for social security, organized by the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 29 November 1994).

Seminar on social development, organized by the Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Guatemala City, 13-14 February 1995).

Meeting preparatory to the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Oaxaca, Mexico, 17 February 1995).

Seminar to discuss the advisory report on systematizing the experience of the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees in Central America (PRODERE) in the area of protection of human rights, organized by PRODERE (Guatemala City, 24-25 February 1995).

Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Seminar on Disaster Mitigation, organized by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) (Washington, D.C., 24 February 1995).

Signing of the agreement on the rights of indigenous peoples, within the framework of the Guatemala peace accords, convened by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City, 31 March 1995).

Eighth seminar on social security, organized by the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) (Mexico City, 31 May 1995).

Twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 3-5 July 1995).

International seminar on development policies and economic tools for environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC, in conjunction with the Mexican Department of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (Oaxtepec, Mexico, 18-20 July 1995).

Forum on the social role of science in developing countries, organized by the Association for the Advancement of the Social Sciences in Guatemala (AVANGSO) (Guatemala City, 3-4 August 1995).

Seminar on the health sector ten years after the 1985 earthquakes, organized by the National Academy of Medicine, the Mexican Ministry of Health, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) (Mexico City, 20-21 September 1995).

Seminar on the agricultural economy of the Third World, organized by the Institute of Economic Research of UNAM (Mexico City, 3 October 1995).

Twentieth Congress of the Latin American Association of Sociology, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for the Caribbean Area (Mexico City, 5 October 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

With PRODERE, in analysing integrated development projects from the ECLAC perspective on changing production patterns with social equity.

Guatemala

With the United Nations representative in the peace negotiations, in socio-economic matters related to the peace process.

With the Social Research and Study Association (ASIES) and the General Secretariat of the National Council for Economic Planning (SEGEPLAN), on components of government programmes.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

i) Documents

Centroamérica: evolución de la integración económica durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.257).

El regionalismo abierto en América Central: los desafíos de profundizar y ampliar la integración (LC/MEX/L.261).

Las relaciones comerciales de Centroamérica frente a los nuevos esquemas de cooperación, integración y comercio (LC/MEX/L.262).

Centroamérica y el TLC: efectos inmediatos e implicaciones futuras (LC/MEX/L.265).

Centroamérica: evolución de la integración económica durante 1994 y avances en los primeros meses (LC/MEX/L.283).

Informe de la Reunión del Grupo de Expertos sobre el Tratado de Libre Comercio de América del Norte y la Integración Centroamericana (Guatemala City, 7-8 November 1994) (LC/MEX/R.498(SEM.68/4)).

El impacto del Tratado de Libre Comercio de América del Norte en las economías pequeñas de la región: una evaluación empírica preliminar (LC/MEX/R.506).

Informe del Primer Curso sobre Integración en Centroamérica (Panama City, 23-27 January 1995) (LC/MEX/R.508).

Posibles efectos de la coyuntura de México sobre el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/R.511).

Hacia una trayectoria de integración hemisférica para Centroamérica (LC/MEX/R.534).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting of experts on Central America in light of new processes of cooperation, integration and trade (Guatemala City, 7-8 November 1994).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Meeting of the Group of Ten (G-10), organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) (Guatemala City, 10-11 March 1994).

Third international Pacific symposium on regional sciences, organized by the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization and the Regional Centre for Multidisciplinary Research of UNAM (Cuernavaca, Mexico, 12-15 June 1994).

Regional symposium on NAFTA and Central American integration, organized by the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN) (Guatemala City, 20-21 June 1994).

Seminar on Latin American integration: new problems in an old debate, organized by the forty-eighth International Congress of Americanists (Stockholm, Sweden, 4-9 July 1994).

Conference on the North American Free Trade Agreement, organized by the Guatemalan Association of Economists (Guatemala City, 19 July 1994).

Workshop on trade, environment and sustainable development in the Americas, organized by the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (Ottawa, Canada, 19-20 October 1994).

Meeting of the group of experts on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and Central American integration (Guatemala City, 7-8 November 1994).

Regional seminar on trade negotiations in the context of Central American integration, organized by the Central American Institute of Public Administration (ICAP) (San Salvador, 10-11 November 1994).

Seminar, "Towards a borderless America", organized by the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (Ottawa, Canada, 10-12 November 1994).

Meeting on trade, integration and the environment, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 5-6 December 1994).

Meeting of the Group of Ten (G-10), organized by the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) (Guatemala City, 19-20 January 1995).

First course on integration in Central America, organized jointly with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and SIECA (Panama City, 23-27 January 1995).

Seminar on globalization, free trade and Central American integration, organized by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) (San Salvador, 16 February 1995).

Regional seminar on economic integration and global economic cooperation: the case of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC and the Forum on Debt and Development (FONDAD) (Santiago, Chile, 1-2 March 1995).

Round table on hemispheric integration, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (San Salvador, 15-17 March 1995).

Fifth intensive course by the Centre for Strategic Studies for National Stability, organized by the Foundation for Guatemalan Institutional Development (Guatemala City, 9 August 1995).

First meeting of the Market Access Group, organized by IDB and the Organization of American States (San Salvador, 7-8 September 1995).

International seminar on the new role of business groupings in the productive development, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 October 1995).

International seminar on trade without barriers, organized by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and the Foundation for Analysis and Development of Central America (FADES) (Guatemala City, 26-27 October 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

In the preparation of a project with UNCTAD, to be financed by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), to strengthen trade in services in Central American integration.

In the preparation of a regional project on trade negotiations and commitments resulting from the Uruguay Round of GATT.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

i) Documents

Granos básicos en Centroamérica: propuestas para los pequeños productores (LC/MEX/L.260).

Granos básicos en Centroamérica: propuestas para los pequeños productores (información estadística general) (LC/MEX/L.260/Add.1).

Informe de la Reunión de Expertos sobre Perspectivas del Intercambio Comercial Agropecuario entre el Istmo Centroamericano y México (LC/MEX/L.284(SEM.73/3)).

Intercambio comercial agropecuario entre el Istmo Centroamericano y México: situación actual y perspectivas (LC/MEX/L.285).

Informe del Seminario sobre granos básicos en Centroamérica: propuestas para los pequeños productores (Managua, Nicaragua, 27-28 October 1994) (LC/MEX/R.500(SEM.67/3)).

Perspectivas del intercambio comercial agropecuario entre el Istmo Centroamericano y México (LC/MEX/R.537(SEM.73/2)).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on basic grains in Central America: proposals for small producers, with the collaboration of the Nicaraguan Government (Managua, 27-28 October 1994).

Meeting of consultants on the project, "Promotion of non-traditional exports" (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 27-28 February 1995).[1]

Meeting of experts on prospects for trade in agricultural products between Central America and Mexico (Mexico City, 21-22 September 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Second international symposium on the changes and paradoxes of today's world, organized by the University of Guadalajara (Guadalajara, Mexico, 19-20 January 1994).[2]

Seminar on an evaluation of the Mexican farming sector and agrarian reform and the assumptions behind the second communal land survey, organized by the Office of the Under-Secretary for Agrarian Organization and Development under the Department of Agrarian Reform (Taxco, Mexico, 29 April-1 May 1994).[2]

Seminar on new rural processes in Mexico: theory, case studies and prospects, organized by the Social Research Institute of UNAM, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) and the Metropolitan Autonomous University (UAM) (Taxco, Mexico, 30 May-3 June 1994).[2]

Seminar on prospects for rural development, organized by Solidarity Enterprises and the Shared Risk Trust (Puebla, Mexico, 29-30 July 1994).

Twenty-third FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (San Salvador, 29 August-2 September 1994).

Meeting on GATT 94 and its implications for the agricultural agenda of the Americas, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and SELA (San José, Costa Rica, 14-15 September 1994).

International seminar on the sugar industry and the environment, organized by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Exporting Countries (GEPLACEA) (Mexico City, 13-15 March 1995).

Seminar-workshop on external liberalization and food and agriculture policies in Central America, organized by FAO and the National University in Heredia (Heredia, Costa Rica, 19-21 July 1995).

First meeting of the working group on sanitary and phytosanitary measures, organized by the Mexican Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development (Mexico City, 18-19 September 1995).

Main event of World Food Day 1995, organized by FAO (Mexico City, 16 October 1995).

Seminar on agroindustry and small-scale farming: experiences and policy proposals, organized by ECLAC, FAO and the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) (San Salvador, 16-17 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

With the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN), on developing a project to promote non-traditional exports.

Central America and Panama

With the Governments, on options for exporting farm products to Mexico.

Costa Rica

With the Government, on evaluating the current state of agriculture and its prospects.

El Salvador

With UNDP, on reviewing the programme of the new Government in order to identify potential areas of cooperation.

With PRODERE, in analysing integrated development projects in terms of the ECLAC approach on changing production patterns with social equity.

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget (SECPLAN), on food security, in the preparations on a workshop to formulate a food and nutrition security plan, and in support for the preparation of a project on basic provisions for low-income groups in Honduras through the National Basic Commodity Corporation (CONASUPO) of the Mexican Government.

With the Government, in preparing a note on medium-term challenges to food security.

Nicaragua

With the National Agriculture and Livestock Union, on agricultural projects.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

i) Documents

Los proyectos de creación de empleo productivo en la transición de El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.462).[3]

Las pequeñas empresas industriales de Guatemala y el funcionamiento de los mercados (LC/MEX/R.464).[3]

Centroamérica: evolución industrial durante 1993 (LC/MEX/R.514).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar-workshop on Central American competitiveness, organized by the Federation of Central American and Panamanian Private Entities (FEDEPRICAP) (San José, Costa Rica, 2-3 March 1994).

Seminar on the development experiences of small and medium-sized enterprises, organized by IDB and Nacional Financiera, S.N.C. (Guadalajara, Mexico, 10 April 1994).

Seminar on the impact of credit in small-scale industry, organized by the Nicaraguan Investment Fund (Managua, Nicaragua, 27 April 1994).

Seminar on industrial policy for developing countries in the global economy, organized by UNAM (Mexico City, 23 May 1994).

Lecture on globalization and regional integration, given at the annual meeting of commercial attachés posted at embassies of the Netherlands in Latin America (Cuernavaca, Mexico, 31 May 1994).

Eleventh General Assembly of the Programme on Science and Technology for Development (CYTED), organized by the Ibero-American Programme of Science and Technology for Development (Mexico City, 12-13 October 1994).

Internal seminar on national, regional and international organizations, organized by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of UNAM (Mexico City, 4 April 1995).

Seminar on the challenges facing Costa Rican industry in the light of the current process of globalization and trade liberalization, organized by the National University in Heredia, Costa Rica, and the Institute of Development Studies, of the Netherlands (San José, Costa Rica, 27-28 April 1995).

First meeting of the Coordination Committee for Industrialization, organized by SELA (Mexico City, 8-9 May 1995).

National seminar on privatization and regulation, organized by ECLAC (Managua, Nicaragua, 12-13 June 1995).[4]

Seminar on the role of small and medium-sized enterprises in economic and social development, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning of Cuba (Havana, 20-21 July 1995).

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Central American Chambers of Commerce (FECAICA) (Zacate Grande, Honduras, 21-22 September 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Central America

With the Central American Research Institute for Industry (ICAITI), on the feasibility of establishing a decaffeinating plant.[3]

Costa Rica

With the Central Bank, on industrial cooperation issues.

El Salvador

With the Ministry of Planning and Coordination of Economic and Social Development, on experiences with productive job creation projects relevant to the pacification process.[3]

Guatemala

With the Federation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (FEPYME), on an analysis of the factoring markets for small and medium-sized firms.[3]

With the General Secretariat of the National Council for Economic Planning (SEGEPLAN), on industrial policy.

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget, on industrial policy.

Mexico

With the Office of the Economic Advisor to the President, on competitive strategies for the motor vehicle and auto parts industries and the chemical and petrochemical industries.[5]

With the Monterrey Institute of Advanced Technological Studies, State of Mexico Campus, on training in the use of the "Competitive Analysis of Nations" (CAN) software program.

Nicaragua

With labour unions, on an analysis of worker-owned enterprises in the areas of tobacco and sugar cane.[3]

Cuba

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning, in issues relating to small and medium-sized enterprises.

iv) Training and fellowships

Training workshop on the "Competitive Analysis of Nations" (CAN) software program, given at the following institutions: the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (Mexico), the Economic Research and Teaching Centre (Mexico) and Banca SERFIN, Department of Sectoral Studies (26 participants).

ENERGY

i) Documents

Utilización y beneficios del Acuerdo de San José para el Istmo Centroamericano (LC/MEX/L.247).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas sobre el abastecimiento de hidrocarburos durante 1993 (LC/MEX/L.259).

Istmo Centroamericano: informe sobre el abastecimiento de hidrocarburos. Datos actualizados al primer semestre de 1994 (LC/MEX/L.267).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas sobre el abastecimiento de hidrocarburos durante 1994 (LC/MEX/L.271).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del abastecimiento petrolero, actualizadas al tercer trimestre de 1993 (LC/MEX/R.457).

Istmo Centroamericano: Programa de Actividades Regionales en Planificación Eléctrica (PARPE) (LC/MEX/R.459).

Propuesta de estructura para la operación del Consejo de Electrificación de América Central (CEAC) (LC/MEX/R.460).

Propuesta para la formación de los grupos técnicos del Subcomité de Operación del CEAC (LC/MEX/R.461).

Propuesta organizativa para el Comité de Cooperación de Hidrocarburos de América Central (CCHAC) (LC/MEX/R.465).

Informe de la Reunión de Directores de Hidrocarburos del Istmo Centroamericano para el seguimiento del proyecto CEPAL/GTZ (Guatemala City, 14-15 April 1994) (LC/MEX/R.466(SEM.63/2)).[6]

Estadísticas del abastecimiento de hidrocarburos en América Central: datos actualizados a 1993 (LC/MEX/R.468).[6]

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico. Datos actualizados a 1993 (LC/MEX/R.469).

Istmo Centroamericano: abastecimiento de hidrocarburos. Datos actualizados al primer semestre de 1994 (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.486(SEM.65/2)).[6]

Istmo Centroamericano: abastecimiento de hidrocarburos. Datos actualizados al primer semestre de 1994. Anexo estadístico (versión preliminar) (LC/MEX/R.486/Add.1(SEM.65/2)).[6]

Cooperación técnica CEPAL/GTZ para mejorar el abastecimiento petrolero al Istmo Centroamericano: informe de proyecto (LC/MEX/R.487(SEM.65/3)).[6]

Programa sobre el mejoramiento del abastecimiento de hidrocarburos al Istmo Centroamericano: programa de trabajo, 1994-1995 (LC/MEX/R.488(SEM.65/4)).[6]

Istmo Centroamericano: perspectivas del subsector eléctrico durante el período 1995-2005 (LC/MEX/R.503).

Istmo Centroamericano: comparación de leyes, decretos y anteproyectos de importación y comercialización de hidrocarburos (LC/MEX/R.516).

Energía y medio ambiente: el caso de El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.528).

Las reformas del sector energético en El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.529).

Istmo Centroamericano: estadísticas del subsector eléctrico. Datos actualizados a 1994 (LC/MEX/R.530).

Análisis de los efectos de la política energética sobre equidad: el caso de El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.531).

Energía y desarrollo económico en América Latina y el Caribe: el caso de El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.533).

Propuestas de estrategias para un desarrollo energético sustentable: el caso de El Salvador (LC/MEX/R.535).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Meeting of Petroleum and Natural Gas Directors of Central America (Guatemala City, 14-15 April 1994).[6]

Seminar on standardization of technical specifications for lubricants in Central America (Houston, Texas, 28-29 July 1994).[6]

Seminar on the comparative analysis of laws on the importation and sale of petroleum products in Central America (Panama City, 20-21 April 1995).[6]

Seminar on energy and sustainable development (San Salvador, 24-28 June 1995).[7]

Seminar-workshop on operations planning (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 27 November-1 December 1995).[1]

Meeting of the Operational Security Group of the Operations Subcommittee of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) (San José, Costa Rica, 11-15 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Conference on Latin American power markets: needs, financing and politics, organized by McGraw-Hill (Mexico City, 27-28 January 1994).

Seminar on reform of institutional energy policies, organized by the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE) (Managua, Nicaragua, 21-25 February 1994).

Eighth meeting of the Electrical Interconnection Working Group of the Committee on Energy Cooperation of the Group of Three (Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, 24-26 February 1994).

Sixth special meeting of members of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) (Panama City, 28 February-3 March 1994).

Conference on energy efficiency in Latin America: regional opportunities and prospects, organized by the National Commission for Energy Conservation (Cancún, Mexico, 23-25 March 1994).[6]

Seminar on the regulatory framework of the electrical industry, organized by the Institute of Water Resources and Electrification (IRHE) (Panama City, 18-19 April 1994).

Meeting on energy efficiency in Belize, Central America and Mexico, organized by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), the National Commission for Energy Conservation and the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE) (Managua, Nicaragua, 8-11 June 1994).[6]

Meeting of donors of the electricity sector, Regional Advisory Group for Central America, organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 22-24 June 1994).

Ninth meeting of the Electrical Interconnection Working Group of the Group of Three (Santo Domingo Táchira, Venezuela, 27-28 June 1994).

Seventh regular meeting of members of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) (San Salvador, 11-12 August 1994).

Meeting of Energy Ministers and Petroleum and Natural Gas Directors, organized by the Economic Ministries of Central America (San José, Costa Rica, 6-8 September 1994).

Regional seminar on price formulas, organized by the Energy Ministers and Petroleum and Natural Gas Directors of Central America (Managua, Nicaragua, 21-22 September 1994).

Sixth regional meeting on the supply of petroleum, organized by the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons (CCHAC) (San Salvador, 4 October 1994).[6]

Meeting of the Central American Committee for Cooperation on Hydrocarbons (CCHAC) (San Salvador, 5 October 1994).[6]

Meeting of OLADE Ministers (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 7-9 November 1994).

Meeting of the management committee for the joint ECLAC/Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) project (Washington, D.C., 15 November 1994).[8]

Meeting on the project, "Electrical Interconnection System for Central America" (Washington, D.C., 16-17 November 1994).

Tripartite meeting on the joint ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project (Santiago, Chile, 2 December 1994).[7]

Seminar on energy policy, organized by ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 1-5 May 1995).

Seminar on oil economics, organized by the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE) (Managua, Nicaragua, 14-16 June 1995).

Twelfth meeting of the Electrical Interconnection Working Group of the Group of Three and Central America (Mexico City, 29 June 1995).

Second meeting of the Financial Technical Committee of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC) and the seventh regular meeting of members of CEAC (Trujillo, Honduras, 26-28 July 1995).

Meeting of the management committee for project CAN/94/S28, "General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy", organized by IDB (Washington, D.C., 15 September 1995).

Twenty-sixth meeting of OLADE Ministers (Quito, Ecuador, 9 November 1995).

Annual meeting of the Central American Regional Energy Forum (FREAC) (Quito, Ecuador, 10 November 1995).

Seminar on energy-sector reform in Nicaragua, organized by the Nicaraguan Commission for Communications, Transportation, Energy and Construction (Managua, Nicaragua, 24 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Honduras

With the Ministry of Planning, Coordination and the Budget, on energy issues.

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Trade, on matters related to petroleum and natural gas.

Nicaragua

With the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE), in a seminar on regulation of the electrical industry.

Panama

With the Institute of Water Resources and Electrification (IRHE), in holding a seminar on regulation in the electricity industry.

The following are the extrabudgetary projects referred to in the above list of activities.

[1] Project BCE/4/010, "Supplementary accord to the technical cooperation agreement between CABEI and the United Nations through ECLAC".

[2] Project MEX/93/S01 with the Department of Agrarian Reform, "Support for the utilization of differentiated policies for rural economic organization".

[3] Project ITA/89/S87, "Strengthening international cooperation with Central America, the Caribbean and selected countries of South America".

[4] Project SWE/94/S18, "Comparative study on the experiences of privatization in Bolivia and Nicaragua".

[5] Project MEX/93/S32, "Mexico: A competitive strategy compatible with effective insertion in the world market".

[6] Project FRG/93/S49, "Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America".

[7] Project FRG/94/S03, "Energy and Economic Development in Latin America and the Caribbean".

[8] Project CAN/94/S28, "General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy".

SUBPROGRAMME 13: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

During the 1994-1995 biennium, the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), focused its attention on the analysis of issues of special relevance to economic and social development in the Caribbean subregion.

The work programme accorded high priority to the promotion of cooperation in functional and sectoral areas both among CDCC member and associate member countries and between them and the countries of Latin America. This was evidenced by the subregional headquarters' active participation in the establishment of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), among other activities under this programme. With respect to the special circumstances and needs of the non-independent Caribbean countries, successful representations were made to allow for their participation at United Nations conferences.

Among the priority objectives during the biennium, mention should be made of the preparatory work for and follow-up activities to the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados, 1994); the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, Egypt, 1994); the 1995 World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, Denmark) and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, China, 1995). In consequence, a significant portion of the secretariat's resources were devoted to providing advisory services and technical assistance to regional Governments and institutions in their preparations for these conferences and maximizing the usefulness of the global meetings to the Caribbean countries themselves. The effort resulted in the development of a Caribbean perspective and national positions on the core issues for presentation at those events.

As a means of creating mechanisms to enable member countries to follow-up on issues raised at these conferences, the CDCC secretariat convened meetings of experts to consider actions to be taken on recommendations adopted at the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development and at the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, both held in 1994. The meetings were held with substantial financial support from a number of international donor agencies.

The secretariat convened the fifteenth session of CDCC to review the work programme for the current biennium and to consider the work for the 1996-1997 biennium. A number of resolutions were adopted to guide the secretariat in carrying out its programme of work. In addition, the secretariat convened the seventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee of CDCC to review activities under the current programme of work. A second meeting of CDCC focal points was held with the aim of promoting awareness of the functions and aims of the CDCC and creating a firmer basis for collaboration with and among member countries. The proposed sixteenth session of the CDCC was postponed to early 1996 due to the budgetary constraints of the United Nations.

Various reports were produced reviewing the economic performance of the CDCC member countries as inputs for the Commission's Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean. Studies were also prepared on issues relating to economic and social development, sustainable economic development, public sector reform, structural adjustment and privatization policies in the subregion. Technical support was offered to member Governments and to regional and subregional institutions in carrying out research on issues related to environmentally sustainable development programmes.

As interim secretariat of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), the subregional headquarters was involved in the annual plenary sessions and meetings of the CCST Executive Committee, collaborating with the activities of the Simón Bolívar Programme and publishing the CCST quarterly newsletter. To assist member countries in the formulation of their science and technology policy, CCST convened a workshop for scientists on project preparation, monitoring and evaluation and continued to provide support.

A major aspect of the population programme was the convening of a meeting to review the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development and other world conferences and to plan follow-up actions to implement these recommendations. Another feature of the population programme was the conduct of surveys on teenage fertility in selected countries. In addition, technical assistance continued to be provided to member countries in the formulation of national population policies and analysis of census data and population projections.

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat is updating its in-house capacity to respond to the increased demand for information from member countries moving towards the information superhighway. As a result it is putting into place mechanisms to ensure that new information technology is made available to users through the Electronic Environmental Information Exchange System and the various in-house databases. The coverage of the secretariat's database continued to be amplified in terms of countries and subject matter, particularly with the establishment of new databases on intra-CDCC trade, social statistics and environmental data.

Various reports were produced reviewing the economic, trade and financial performance of the CDCC member countries. Newsletters were also prepared providing current information on trade, finance and development strategies.

i) Documents

Selected statistical indicators of Caribbean countries, vol. VI, 1993 (LC/CAR/G.397).

Overview of economic activities in the Caribbean, 1992 (LC/CAR/G.398).

CCST work programme for a five-year period: 1994-1998 (LC/CAR/G.399; CCST/93/5).

Report of the Meeting of National Economic Managers and Planners of the Caribbean: towards development with equity (Port of Spain, 23-24 November 1993) (LC/CAR/G.400).

Report of the sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.401).

Report of the meeting of the Caribbean working group on social development in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development (Port of Spain, 25-26 November 1993) (LC/CAR/G.402).

Port of Spain Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development (LC/CAR/G.403).

Structural adjustment and privatization: an examination of their relationship in four Caribbean countries (LC/CAR/G.404).

Economic performance and prospects of selected islands and small countries: towards sustainable development policies (LC/CAR/G.405).

The eleventh annual report of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.406; 9/CCST/94/1).

Export processing in the Caribbean: lessons from four case studies (LC/CAR/G.407).

Overview of status of renewable energy in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.408).

Provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of CDCC (LC/CAR/G.409).

Annotated provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.409/Add.1).

Implementation of the work programme of ECLAC/CDCC for the 1992-1993 biennium: January - December 1993 (LC/CAR/G.410).

Recent resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, and by ECLAC, which may be of special interest to member countries of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.411).

Special meeting of representative of CDCC member countries attending the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC (LC/CAR/G.412).

Meeting of the working group on non-independent Caribbean countries (NICCs). Report of the Chairman (LC/CAR/G.413).

Draft work programme of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean for the 1996-1997 biennium (LC/CAR/G.414).

The North American Free Trade Agreement and the question of eligibility for Caribbean countries (LC/CAR/G.415).

Caribbean/Latin American relations (LC/CAR/G.416).

Activities relating to the Fourth World Conference on Women (LC/CAR/G.417).

ECLAC/CDCC and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (LC/CAR/G.418).

Activities relating to the United Nations International Conference on Population and Sustainable Development (LC/CAR/G.419).

Activities relating to the United Nations World Summit for Social Development (LC/CAR/G.420).

Participation of member countries in the work of ECLAC/CDCC (LC/CAR/G.421).

Provisional agenda of the Caribbean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995 (LC/CAR/G.422).

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Report of the ECLAC/CARICOM/UNIFEM Caribbean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995 (LC/CAR/G.429).

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Social development in the Caribbean: guidelines for action (LC/CAR/G.431).

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Report of the fifteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) (LC/CAR/G.433).

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Report of the ECLAC/CDCC teleconference in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (LC/CAR/G.435).

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Summary of global economic development - 1994 (LC/CAR/G.438).

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Achieving social justice, equality, development and peace: a review of the status of women of the Caribbean subregion in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995 (LC/CAR/G.442).

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Summary of Caribbean economic performance, 1994 (LC/CAR/G.444).

Intra-CDCC trade (LC/CAR/G.445).

Report of ECLAC/CDCC/UNFPA Caribbean Population and Development Meeting, follow-up to ICPD (LC/CAR/G.446).

Summary report of the Caribbean meeting of experts on implementation of the SIDS Plan of Action, 17-19 May 1995, Port of Spain (LC/CAR/G.447).

The twelfth annual report of the CCST (LC/CAR/G.448; CCST/95/1).

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Report of the second meeting of focal points of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.453).

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Digest of selected demographic and social indicators for CDCC countries: 1960-1994 (LC/CAR/G.456).

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ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

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Twelfth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Guyana, 18-22 January 1994).

Ad hoc expert group meeting of women's bureaux from non-CARICOM countries (Cuba, 24-29 January 1994).

Evaluation meeting on the ECLAC Electronic Environmental Information Exchange System (AMBIONET), as part of project CAN/91/S43, "Caribbean computer-based communications development" (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 21-24 June 1994).

Caribbean Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women (Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, 28-29 June 1994).

Meeting of Caribbean language experts (Dominican Republic, 24 July 1994).

Meeting of the working group on non-independent Caribbean countries (NICCs) (Dominican Republic, 24 July 1994).

Fifteenth session of the CDCC (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 25-29 July 1994).

ECLAC/UNFPA Caribbean Subregional Meeting of Country Delegates Preparatory to the International Conference on Population and Development (Jamaica, 3-6 August 1994).

Seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 20-21 October 1994).

ECLAC/CDCC teleconference in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Trinidad and Tobago, 1 November 1994).

Caribbean high-level workshop on renewable energy technologies, organized by CCST, UNESCO and the University of the West Indies (UWI) (Saint Lucia, 5-9 December 1994).

Second meeting preparatory to the World Summit for Social Development, organized by ECLAC/CDCC (Antigua and Barbuda, 6-8 December 1994).

Caribbean meeting of experts on population and development: follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development (Bahamas, 3-5 May 1995).

Meeting of Caribbean experts on the implementation of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Programme of Action (Trinidad and Tobago, 17-19 May 1995).

Seventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Co-ordinating Committee (CDCC) (Trinidad and Tobago, 13 July 1995).

ECLAC/CDCC focal points workshop (Trinidad and Tobago, 13-14 July 1995).

Thirteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) (Cuba, 22-27 September 1995).

ECLAC/CARICOM ad hoc working group on implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 23 November 1995).

ECLAC/FAO/UWI national seminar on agroindustry and small-scale agriculture (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 13-14 November 1995).

ECLAC/CCST seminar on the promotion of competitiveness (Saint Lucia, 27-28 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Meeting of the Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women (Port of Spain, 20 January 1994).

Eco-journalism workshop on the theme, "Reporting on the United Nations Global Conference on Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States" (Jamaica, 20-22 January 1994).

Meeting of the CARICOM regional environmental task force (Jamaica, 21-24 January 1994).

Meeting of the task force on sustainable development of small island developing States (Jamaica, 22-23 January 1994).

Ministerial Meeting on Small Island Developing States, organized by CARICOM (Guyana, 1-2 February 1994).

Regional meeting-workshop of Caribbean NGOs in preparation for the United Nations Global Conference on Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States, organized by CARICOM (Port of Spain, 21-23 February 1994). This meeting was held in collaboration with the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat.

Caribbean Workshop on Planning for Sustainable Development, organized by the University of the West Indies (UWI) (Trinidad and Tobago, 23 February 1994).

Seminar on implications for research and training, organized by the University of the West Indies (UWI) (Trinidad and Tobago, 23-26 February 1994).

Meeting of the inter-agency task force on employment promotion in Trinidad and Tobago, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) (Port of Spain, 4 March 1994).

Seminar on sustainable development, organized by the Young Women's Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago, 5 March 1994).

Technical meeting of representatives on the establishment of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Jamaica, 16-18 March 1994).

CARICOM debriefing meeting on preparatory activities for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Antigua and Barbuda, 20-24 March 1994).

Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) working group meeting on environmental health and sustainable development (Washington, D.C., 27-31 March 1994).

Regional meeting of coordinators of the Bolívar Programme (Mexico, 6-15 April 1994).

Regional Environmental Action Plan meeting convened to review the Regional Environmental Action Plan drafted by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (Barbados, 14-15 April 1994).

Awareness seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (Port of Spain, 14-15 April 1994).

United Nations Global Conference on Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States: NGO Islands Forum and technical sessions (Barbados, 20 April-6 May 1994). The secretariat represented the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the Conference.

Twenty-fourth session of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) (Curaçao, 24-30 April 1994).

Symposium on the manpower problems in CDCC countries: the case of Suriname (the Netherlands, 25-27 April 1994).

Workshop, "Reflections on our negotiation practices: towards negotiation preparedness", organized by the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 25-27 April 1994).

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) (Belize, 11-12 May 1994).

Meeting of the Caribbean Group for Cooperation for Economic Development (CGCED) (Washington, D.C., 6-10 June 1994).

National workshop on science and technology for sustainable development. The secretariat presented a paper entitled, "Public perceptions of science and technology in a small developing country" (50 participants) (Saint Lucia, 7-10 June 1994).

Meeting of the advisory panel on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme (Jamaica, 12-17 June 1994).

UNESCO seminar on access to telematic facilities in areas of public concern in the Caribbean (Port of Spain, 22 June 1994).

Roundtable on economic competitiveness in the Caribbean, organized by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Barbados, 23 June 1994).

CARICOM meeting of information managers (Port of Spain, 24 June 1994).

Technical and ministerial panel on the establishment of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Caracas, Venezuela, 26-29 June 1994).

Meeting on the status of renewable energy in the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, 26 June-1 July 1994).

Meeting of Women's NGOs Preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women, organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (Curaçao, 27-29 June 1994).

Strategic planning meeting of the Caribbean Agricultural Development Institute (CARDI) (Trinidad and Tobago, 25-29 July 1994).

Meeting of the Inter-American Institute/Implementation Committee (IAI/IC) for Global Change (Jamaica, 2-3 August 1994).

Regional consultation workshop on the Small Island Developing States Technical Assistance Programme (SIDS/TAP) (Barbados, 22-23 August 1994).

United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, Egypt, 31 August-8 September 1994).

Meeting on advances in tropical agriculture, organized by the University of the West Indies (UWI) (Trinidad and Tobago, 4-9 September 1994).

Planning meeting of the consultative committee on the Caribbean Regional Information System (CCCRIS) and the Caribbean Regional System for Exchange of Information and Experience in Science and Technology (CARSTIN) (Trinidad and Tobago, 6-7 September 1994).

Caribbean Biotechnology Network Conference, hosted by the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) (Trinidad and Tobago, 12-13 September 1994).

Meeting of environment donor agencies, organized by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) (Barbados, 26 September 1994).

Meeting on technical cooperation in statistics, organized by the CARICOM Export Development Project (CEDP) (Barbados, 30 September 1994).

Regional forum on industrial policy, organized by the University of the Virgin Islands (Saint Lucia, 22 October 1994).

Sixth Caribbean Energy Conference (St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 25-30 October 1994).

Seminar on economic policy and the environment, organized by the Center for Environment Development of the University of the West Indies (UWICED) (Saint Kitts and Nevis, 26-29 October 1994).

Meeting of coordinators of the Bolívar Programme (Costa Rica, 27-31 October 1994).

Workshop on Caribbean economic policy, foreign investment and capital flight, hosted by the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 28-29 October 1994).

Institute of Marine Affairs Second Annual Symposium (Trinidad and Tobago, 31 October-2 November 1994).

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Caribbean Group for Cooperation for Economic Development (CGCED) (Barbados, 4 November 1994).

Twenty-fifth Meeting of Ministers of the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) (Trinidad and Tobago, 7-8 November 1994).

Eighth annual seminar on agricultural research, organized by FAO (Trinidad and Tobago, 8-9 November 1994).

Meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (Guyana, 13-15 November 1994).

Technical meeting on environmental indicators, organized by UNEP (Mexico, 15-19 November 1994).

Meeting on the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action, hosted by UNFPA (New York City, 15-27 November 1994).

Seminar on economic adjustment and investment promotion in Cuba, hosted by the Institute of International Relations (IIR) of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 16 November 1994).

CEGAN meeting on the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development and post-Cairo follow-up activities (New York City, 15-26 November 1994).

Regional user consultation meeting for insular Caribbean (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 23-25 November 1994).

University of Toronto symposium on HIV/AIDS development (Toronto, Canada, 27-30 November 1994).

Meeting of the UNEP Monitoring Committee (Jamaica, 5-6 December 1994).

Workshop on gender, health and sustainable development, organized by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (Barbados, 6-9 December 1994).

Symposium on human-centred sustainable development in small island developing States, organized by UNDP (Aruba, 7-8 December 1994).

Miami Conference on the Caribbean and Latin America, organized by the Caribbean Division of the World Bank, the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce and Caribbean/Latin American Action (Miami, Florida, 11-16 December 1994).

Meeting of the UNDP National Selection Committee of the Global Environment Facility (Trinidad and Tobago, 12 December 1994).

Retreat of heads of United Nations agencies in the Caribbean, organized by UNDP (Trinidad and Tobago, 8-9 January 1995).

Caribbean Conference on Road Maintenance Policy, sponsored by IDB (Trinidad and Tobago, 9-13 January 1995).

Meetings with government officials on ECLAC/CDCC activities and involvement of Suriname in such activities (Suriname, 11-14 January 1995).

Sixth inter-sessional meeting of Heads of Government of CARICOM Countries (Belize, 16-17 January 1995).

Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS) Seventh Network Coordinators Meeting (Georgetown, Guyana, 16-20 January 1995).

ISER/IDRC regional workshop on assessing the impact of research in policy formulation in the Caribbean, organized by the UWI (Kingston, Jamaica, 22-25 January 1995).

Forty-second meeting of the CARICOM Common Market Council of Ministers (Guyana, 30 January-2 February 1995).

First Caribbean Conference of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) (Puerto Rico, 6-10 February 1995).

National consultation on the Draft Report of Trinidad and Tobago for the World Summit for Social Development (Trinidad and Tobago, 7 February 1995).

National consultation on the World Summit for Social Development, organized by the Government of Dominica (Dominica, 12-14 February 1995).

Meeting on women, health and development: facing the challenges, organized by PAHO (Trinidad and Tobago, 15-16 February 1995).

First meeting of the Steering Committee for the Third Global Forum of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council on Water (Barbados, 22 February-4 March 1995).

Nineteenth ad hoc inter-agency meeting on women, organized by the Commission on the Status of Women (New York City, 13-14 March 1995).

Workshop on economic instruments for environmental management, sponsored by the Center for Environmental Development of the University of the West Indies (UWICED) (Kingston, Jamaica, 15-19 March 1995).

Regional Conference on Informatics and Telematics, organized by the Institute of Social and Economic Research of the University of the West Indies (ISER/UWI) (Barbados, 23-26 April 1995).

Annual Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Associations of the Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, 26-28 April 1995).

Social network subregional seminar on poverty and young people, organized by OAS (Trinidad and Tobago, 26-28 April 1995).

Sixth annual general meeting of the Caribbean Academy of Sciences, sponsored by the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the University of the West Indies (Saint Lucia, 26-30 April 1995).

Seventh Meeting of CARICOM Ministers with responsibility for the integration of women into development (Nassau, Bahamas, 2-12 May 1995).

Meeting on follow-up, activities related to small island developing States, convened by the United Nations Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (New York City, 7-11 May 1995).

Meeting of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN/MUDAR) (Barbados, 8-13 May 1995).

Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and seminar, "The CARICOM region, retrospectives and prospective - CDB's role" (Kingston, Jamaica, 9-13 May 1995).

Meeting of the Caribbean Group for Co-operation on Economic Development (CGCED) (Jamaica, 12 May 1995).

Meeting on cultural integration through language, organized by the Executive Secretariat for the Andrés Bello Convention (Colombia, 12-14 May 1995).

Meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) (Curaçao, 15-29 May 1995).

Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers with Responsibility for Youth, organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat (Trinidad and Tobago, 17-19 May 1995).

Poverty and development workshop, organized by UNDP (Jamaica, 19-20 May 1995).

Symposium on health reform in Trinidad and Tobago, organized by the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago, 20-21 May 1995).

Congress-workshop on Computerized Documentation Services/Integrated Set of Information Systems (CDS/ISIS), sponsored by UNESCO (Bogotá, Colombia, 20-28 May 1995).

Meeting on the establishment of a regional development fund, organized by CARICOM (Guyana, 31 May-3 June 1995).

Fifth technical meeting on the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) (Trinidad and Tobago, 1-2 June 1995).

Twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) (San Juan, Puerto Rico, 3-11 June 1995).

Retreat for delegations to the Fourth World Conference on Women, organized by UNIFEM (Barbados, 8 June 1995).

Eighteenth meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers with Responsibility for Agriculture (Trinidad and Tobago, 11-13 June 1995).

Meeting of the Business and Professional Women of the Caribbean Association, funded by Caribbean Business and Tourism (St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, 13-19 June 1995).

Seminar of associate member States preparatory to the Special Committee of 24 Conference on Non-Independent Caribbean Countries, organized by the Association of the Virgin Islands for the United Nations (St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 28-30 June 1995).

Conference on Renewable Energy for Caribbean Industries, Peoples and Economics (RECIPE), organized by the Guyana Natural Resources Agency and the Institute for Applied Science and Technology (IAST) (Georgetown, Guyana, 28-30 June 1995).

Meeting to review guidelines for the Regional Programme on Integrated Planning and Institutional Development, at the workshop on integrated planning and management of coastal areas in the wider Caribbean, organized by UNEP and the Caribbean Environment Programme (Kingston, Jamaica, 28 June-1 July 1995).

Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 30 June-7 July 1995).

Meeting of the Latin America and Caribbean Network in Science and Technology Popularization, organized by the Bolívar Programme (Mexico City, 2-7 July 1995).

Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Governments of CARICOM (Georgetown, Guyana, 4-7 July 1995).

Seminar on small island water resource problems, organized by the Centre for Sustainable Development of the University of the West Indies (UWICED) (Barbados, 22-24 August 1995).

Meeting on smaller economies, organized by the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTTA) (Kingston, Jamaica, 28-29 August 1995).

Fourth World Conference on Women, organized by the United Nations (Beijing, China, 31 August-16 September 1995).

Eastern Caribbean symposium on territorial status and the United Nations, organized by the University of the Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 1-7 September 1995).

Seminar on single parenthood and social structural change, organized by the Government Education Services Department, Task Force on Antillean Youth, in collaboration with the Centre for the Development of Women (SEDA) and INTERAMO N.V. (Curaçao, 4-10 October 1995).

Seminar on cost-benefit analysis of energy efficient programmes, organized by the International Association of Energy Engineers (Atlanta, Georgia, 8-10 October 1995).

Workshop on the need for meteorological and hydrological data for the insurance industry, organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 26-27 October 1995).

Seminar on the promotion of competitiveness in small and medium-sized enterprises, organized by CARICOM and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 16-18 October 1995).

Meeting of the UNIFEM Regional Advisory Committee post-Beijing to review the implications for the Caribbean of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Barbados, 14 November 1995).

Meeting on the Commonwealth of Scientific and Technological Knowledge Program (MERCOCYT), organized by OAS (Saint Lucia, 29-30 November 1995).

Meeting on Science and Technology Preparatory to the Hemispheric Meeting of Ministers of Science and Technology to be held from 27 to 29 March 1996 in Cartagena, Colombia (Saint Lucia, 1-2 December 1995).

Expert group meeting on public weather services, organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago (Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 11-15 December).

iii) Technical cooperation

Intergovernmental organizations/agencies

With the secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), by providing a resource person for the special meeting of the CARICOM Regional Environmental Task Force held in Jamaica from 21 to 24 January 1994.

With the CARICOM secretariat, through participation in discussions related to the establishment of the Association of Caribbean States. The subregional headquarters participated in the technical consultations convened by the CARICOM secretariat at individual and governmental levels.

With CARICOM, through the preparation of a background paper on global economic developments as an input for the CARICOM Foreign Ministers Meeting.

With CARICOM, through the preparation of a background paper for use at the retreat for delegations to the Fourth World Conference on Women in China in 1995.

With the Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS), through the development of training modules for CEIS related to renewable energy source management systems.

With the Latin American Commission on Science and Technology (COLCYT), through the development of a programme of collaboration with other research and development institutions and regional science and technology bodies.

With the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), in preparing the background paper, "Challenge and Response? The Caribbean public sector faces the future", for use in the CARICOM intergovernmental working group on public sector reform; and in conducting an information technical awareness survey in the Municipality of Linden in Guyana.

With the International Labour Organization (ILO), in preparing the project proposal document, "Activity on training and employment for teenage mothers in the Caribbean". This project was submitted to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for funding.

With the Organization of American States (OAS), in carrying out a study on the status of tourism and environmental health in Caribbean countries.

CDCC, through the CCST, implemented the joint CCST/UNEP project, "Support to research and development activities on marine technologies".

With UNDP, by providing assistance to the annual meeting of UNDP Caribbean Resident Representatives (Trinidad and Tobago, 24-25 February 1994) through the preparation and presentation of a paper on sustainable human development.

With UNDP, by serving as a member of the National Selection Committee of the Global Environment Facility (GEF); by assisting in the development of the GEF tourism project and the GEF programming workshop; in carrying out a UNDP/Small Island Developing States Information Network (SIDSNET) feasibility study. This study developed a programme that will enhance the capacity of the small island developing States (SIDS) to collaborate and share information.

With UNEP, through consultations with UNEP and UNDP representatives on the GEF Home Paging System and by holding discussions on the information package for the proposed GEF project.

With UNDP, by participating in a follow-up mission to Suriname in order to prepare a development plan for that country.

With UNESCO, in conducting a training workshop on AMBIONET in Belize. This activity was part of a UNESCO and Caribbean Network of Educational Innovation for Development (CARNEID) training programme. Five participants were trained.

With UNEP, by providing a resource person at the meeting of the advisory panel on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme held in Jamaica during the period 12-17 June 1994.

With UNIFEM, by providing a resource person to discuss the Draft Platform for Action for the Fourth World Conference on Women at the UNIFEM retreat on conference diplomacy and negotiations, in organizing its regional planning meeting, and in follow-up discussions with subregional Governments on implementation of the Platform for Action.

With the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in the preparation of the project proposal document, "Technology extension service in the Caribbean".

With UNFPA, in the implementation of project CAR/94/P02, "Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion", and project STV/89/P01, "Strengthening of population policy implementation".

With UNFPA, by providing technical assistance in organizing subregional meetings to discuss the implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Conference on Population and Development.

With the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in the implementation of the Training Development Programme in the Field of Maritime Transport (TRAINMAR); and, in the preparation of a project proposal document on the establishment of a training centre in Trinidad and Tobago.

With the secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women and the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women in providing assistance to the Governments of ECLAC/CDCC member States and to the conference secretariat during meetings of the Commission, in New York City and at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

With the University of the West Indies, in providing support in accessing information and in setting up specialized databases using ISIS.

With the Institute of International Relations of the University of the West Indies, in providing technical assistance in servicing meetings of the Institute.

Member countries of CDCC

Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada

With the National Population Councils, in preparing the National Population Report for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago

With representatives from the public and private sectors, in introducing the Simón Bolívar Programme, an investment programme in science and technology.

Bahamas

With the Bahamas Family Planning Association, in providing assistance in preparing the financial aspects of the teenage fertility project.

Barbados

With the Government, through a needs-assessment survey of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and the Department of Statistics for the modernization of the statistical information system. This assistance was geared to moving the Statistical Service towards fuller use of the new information technology.

Dominica

With the Statistics Department, through assistance in the design of a statistical database.

With the Government, in convening a national consultation in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development.

Grenada

With the Government, in conducting a needs-assessment survey of the Statistical Office.

Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the National Population Councils, in carrying out surveys on teenage fertility, in analysing the data and preparing policy-related strategies; and in conducting workshops on analysis of teenage fertility survey data (UNFPA project CAR/94/P02, "Integration of population into development planning".

Guyana

With the Ministry of Finance, through technical support in carrying out an evaluation of the UNDP/Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)/Government of Guyana statistics project at the Bureau of Statistics.

With the Guyana Natural Resources Agency and the Institute of Applied Science and Technology, in organizing the Conference on Renewable Energy for Caribbean Industries, Peoples and Economics (RECIPE).

Saint Lucia

With the Government, in implementing project STL/92/S17, "Technical cooperation agreement between the Government of Saint Lucia and ECLAC"; in carrying out an OAS project on the Commonwealth of Knowledge in Science and Technology (MERCOCYT); and in developing a science popularization programme.

With the Government, in preparations for hosting the OAS-sponsored regional meeting of MERCOCYT, from 22 to 27 October 1995).

With the National Population Council and the Department of Statistics, in preparing population reports, in analysing census data using REDATAM (retrieval of data for small areas by microcomputer) to aid in the preparation of population projections and in the establishment of a database for demographic statistics; and in developing a research framework for a study on teenage fertility.

With the National Library, in conducting a training workshop in indexing and abstracting and in the use of the bibliographic record worksheet.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

With the Government, in the execution of UNFPA project STV/89/P01, "Strengthening population policy implementation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines".

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning, in reviewing the 1991 census data tabulations; in reconstructing the computerized vital statistics registration system; and in preparing the questionnaire for the household and budget expenditure survey.

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning and the National Population Council, in implementing a national survey on teenage fertility, in designing a research plan and in analysing the data.

With the Ministry of Finance and Planning and the National Population Council in conducting a national adolescent fertility workshop and assisting in the development of follow-up strategies.

Suriname

With the Central Statistical Bureau of Suriname, in the finalization of a project document on statistics, and with the Ministry of Planning, in preparing proposals for establishing a management support unit (MSU).

Trinidad and Tobago

With the National Population Council, in finalizing a draft population policy, in designing strategies for follow-up workshops, in gaining legal acceptance for the document and in preparing a project proposal for submission to UNFPA.

With the Government, in preparing a paper on the investment climate in Trinidad and Tobago as perceived by the private sector.

With the Ministry of Planning and Development, in preparing a paper on structural adjustment for presentation to public officials of Trinidad and Tobago, as part of an ongoing programme of public sector training and reform.

With the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services and the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Culture and the Creative Arts in the review of a project document on restructuring the system for managing social services in Trinidad and Tobago.

With the Creative Arts Centre, Faculty of Arts and General Studies, of the University of the West Indies, in the delivery of a paper on multiculturalism and Caribbean social structure.

With the Government, in the preparation and review of a national report on the status of women.

With the Central Bank, through the testing of computer software.

With the Ministry of Works and Transport, by providing substantive services at the Caribbean Conference on Road Maintenance Policy.

CDCC associate member States

With the governments of ECLAC associate member States, in coordinating changes in the rules of procedure for participation of ECLAC associate members in the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.

Anguilla

With the Government, by providing technical assistance in the development of a programme of work in the area of science and technology.

British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and Montserrat

With UNDP, in developing country strategy notes for implementation in these countries.

Aruba

With the Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism and the Central Bureau of Statistics, regarding the data management needs of these departments.

Netherlands Antilles

With the University of the Netherlands Antilles, through technical support in conducting a seminar on environment development and tourism.

With the Government, by providing a resource person to assist in conducting a seminar organized by the Government Education Services Department, Task Force on Antillean Youth.

United States Virgin Islands

With the Government, in holding the joint meeting of the University of the United States Virgin Islands and CCST Committees on Science and Mathematics.

United States Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands

With the Governments, in consultations on associate member participation in the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women.

With the Governments, by participating in national consultations in preparation for participation at United Nations world conferences.

iv) Training and fellowships

Training workshops on the use of the ECLAC Electronic Environmental Information Exchange System (AMBIONET), as part of project CAN/91/S43, "Caribbean computer-based communications development" (35 participants in Dominica, 12-15 January 1994; 25 participants in Saint Kitts and Nevis, 16-19 January 1994; 30 participants in Antigua and Barbuda, 25-29 January 1994; 40 participants in Jamaica, 28-31 March 1994; 50 participants in Aruba, 24-30 April 1994).

Regional training workshop on the use of Computerized Documentation Services/Integrated Set of Information Systems (CDS/ISIS) mini- and microprograms for officials of the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD). There were five participants in the workshop —two from Barbados and one each from Belize, Dominica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Port of Spain, 14-18 March 1994).

National symposium on population, economic growth and sustainable development (97 participants) (Dominica, 20-24 March 1994).

Training workshop on the use of "mini-micro" CDS/ISIS information software for officials of the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), the Library of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA) (10 participants) (Barbados, 22-29 March 1994).

Training seminar for the National Population Council of the Netherlands Antilles on national population policy (200 participants) (Curaçao, 20-27 April 1994).

Training workshop on the use of the CDS/ISIS information software and in indexing and abstracting for librarians of Trinidad and Tobago (12 participants) (Port of Spain, 24-25 April 1994).

Training workshop for the Fisheries Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources of Trinidad and Tobago, on the use of the CDS/ISIS information software and in indexing and abstracting skills for librarians (Port of Spain, 30-31 May 1994; 14-25 November 1994).

Training workshop on the use of "mini-micro" CDS/ISIS information software, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Trinidad and Tobago (10 participants) (Port of Spain, 17-21 October 1994).

Training workshop for librarians at the University of the Virgin Islands (four participants) (St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, 12-16 December 1994).

Training workshop in indexing and abstracting and in the use of the bibliographic record worksheet for the National Library, with support from the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD) (Saint Lucia, December 1994).

Regional training workshop for scientists in project identification, design, implementation and monitoring, sponsored by CCST/CDB/UNDP (20 participants) (Barbados, 17-29 April 1995).

Training workshop for supervisors and enumerators to enable them to evaluate the completed questionnaires and in data analysis (15 participants) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 28 May-6 June 1995) (under UNFPA project STV/89/P01).

Regional training workshop on the use of CDS/ISIS mini- and microprograms for officials of the CARICOM Export Development Project (CEDP) (20 participants) (Barbados, 30 May-2 June 1995).

Training workshop for improving the skills of members of the National Population Unit and Council in meeting facilitation (10 participants) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 27-30 November 1995) (under UNFPA project STV/89/P01).

Regional training workshop-course on population projections, for trained demographers responsible for the collection and analysis of demographic data (15 participants) (Belize City, 11-15 December 1995) (under UNFPA project CAR/94/P02, "Integration of population in development planning in Caribbean countries").

SUBPROGRAMME 14: REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION

The basic objective of this subprogramme is to carry out monitoring and evaluation activities and to provide technical support to Governments in the areas of economic integration and cooperation between the countries of the region. In recent years, integration processes within Latin America have taken on a new dynamism that is consistent with the growing openness of the world economy and needs to be evaluated and promoted.

With this goal in mind, nine reports were prepared (LC/R.1327/Rev.1; LC/R.1357; LC/R.1381; LC/R.1384; LC/R.1395; LC/R.1403; LC/R.1420; LC/R.1436; LC/R.1455) examining various aspects of the Latin American economic integration process and on that basis formulating recommendations to strengthen it. The main topics covered by the reports are convergence among subregional integration arrangements and the pace of progress; the role of investment in accelerating the integration process; and the programmes and structures of some institutes and diplomatic academies.

In addition, a seminar was held in June 1994 on foreign direct investment and technology transfer between Europe and Latin America, under project ITA/91/S85, "Improvement of the management capacity of Latin American foreign services". The purpose of the seminar was to promote an exchange of experiences and suggestions for action between administrators and senior personnel of foreign services of European and Latin American countries, focusing specifically on foreign direct investment and technology transfer.

In the first half of 1995, five reports were prepared. Two of these (LC/R.1524; LC/R.1526) deal with the role of the ministries of foreign affairs of Latin American countries in the promotion and development of trade relations between Latin America and the European Union, in the light of European trade policy; two others (LC/R.1522; LC/R.1528) examine the processes of complementarity of production in Latin America, with special reference to MERCOSUR member countries; and the last (LC/R.1527) looks at integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the same period, three seminars were also held. The first dealt with complementarity of production among members of MERCOSUR. The feasibility of adopting policies to promote complementarity between sectors and branches of activity in the members' economies was examined, together with relevant instruments, and opportunities for the creation of joint production groups were identified. The second seminar considered the social dimension of regional integration. It was organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration, with the sponsorship and technical assistance of ECLAC and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The main objective was to exchange ideas and discuss issues surrounding the principal aspects of the social dimension of regional integration processes. The third seminar was devoted to the foreign services of Latin American countries and to the development of trade between Latin America and the European Union. The objective was to promote the exchange of experiences and suggestions for action with regard to the role of foreign services in promoting expansion and diversification of trade links between the countries of the two regions.

In the second half of 1995, five reports were prepared. Three of these (LC/R.1560; LC/R.1580; LC/R.1590) contain proposals for the programmes and structures of the diplomatic academies of Guatemala, Nicaragua and Colombia, respectively. The other reports concern the seminar on the foreign services of the Latin American countries and the development of trade between Latin America and the European Union (LC/R.1558) and the evolution of trade between Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region in the 1990s (LC/R.1585).

i) Documents

Programas y estructuras de algunos institutos y academias diplomáticas de América Latina (LC/R.1327/Rev.1).

Síntesis de la Reunión de Representantes de Academias Diplomáticas de América Latina y España (Santiago de Chile, 29 y 30 de noviembre de 1993) (LC/R.1357).

Desarrollo reciente de los procesos de integración en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1381).

Transferencia tecnológica e inversiones extranjeras directas entre Europa y América Latina: el papel de las cancillerías latinoamericanas (LC/R.1384).

Inversión extranjera en América Latina: tendencias y aspectos institucionales (LC/R.1395).

La nueva integración regional en el marco de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI) (LC/R.1403).

Informe del Seminario sobre Inversión Extranjera Directa y Transferencia de Tecnología entre Europa y América Latina (LC/R.1420).

El dinamismo reciente del comercio intrarregional de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI) (LC/R.1436).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática y Consular del Paraguay (LC/R.1455).

Algunas ideas acerca de la complementación productiva en América Latina (LC/R.1522).

La política comercial de la Unión Europea: entre la política de competencia estratégica global y la política externa de seguridad (LC/R.1524).

El papel de las cancillerías latinoamericanas en la promoción y desarrollo de las relaciones comerciales entre América Latina y la Unión Europea (LC/R.1526).

Desenvolvimiento de los procesos de integración en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1527).

Síntesis de la Reunión sobre Complementación Productiva de los Países Miembros del Mercado Común del Sur (MERCOSUR) (Santiago de Chile, 20 y 21 de abril de 1995) (LC/R.1528).

Informe del Seminario sobre los Servicios Exteriores Latinoamericanos y el Desarrollo del Comercio entre América Latina y la Unión Europea (LC/R.1558).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática de Guatemala (LC/R.1560).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática de Nicaragua (LC/R.1580).

Latin American and Asian-Pacific: evolution and composition of exports from Brazil and Chile in the nineties (LC/R.1585).

Evaluación y propuestas para la Academia Diplomática de San Carlos de Colombia (LC/R.1590).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on foreign direct investment and technology transfer between Europe and Latin America, held under ECLAC/Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Development (Italy) project ITA/91/S85, "Improvement of the management capacity of Latin American foreign services" (Santiago, Chile, 27-28 June 1994).

Seminar on complementarity of production between the countries members of MERCOSUR, held under project FRA/93/S68 (Santiago, Chile, 20-21 April 1995).

Seminar on the social dimension of regional integration, organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration, with the sponsorship and technical assistance of ECLAC and the Inter-American Development Bank (Santiago, Chile, 24-28 April 1995).

Seminar on Latin American foreign services and the development of trade between Latin America and the European Union, held under ECLAC/Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Development (Italy) project ITA/91/S85, "Improvement of the management capacity of Latin American foreign services" (Rome, Italy, 12-13 June 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on the Pacific Basin, organized by the Diplomatic Academy of Ecuador (Quito, Ecuador, 21-22 November 1994).

Fourth International Law Symposium for Latin America, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank and the University of the Republic (Montevideo, Uruguay, 17-20 May 1995).

Meeting of the secretariats of regional and integration organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean, convened by LAIA and SELA (Montevideo, Uruguay, 12-13 June 1995).

Second meeting of the secretariats of regional and integration organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean, convened by OAS (Montevideo, Uruguay, 13 June 1995).

Second meeting of the Special Commission on Trade, convened by OAS (Montevideo, Uruguay, 14-15 June 1995).

Seminar, "Relations between MERCOSUR and the Andean Group. Towards an integrated economic area in South America?", organized jointly by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) and the Training Centre for Regional Integration (CEFIR) (Asunción, Paraguay, 26-27 June 1995).

First meeting of experts from regional and subregional integration and cooperation organization on foreign trade information systems, organized by LAIA (Montevideo, Uruguay, 11-12 July 1995).

First Latin American Congress on International Relations and Peace Research (Guatemala, 22-25 August 1995).

Meeting of the Centre for International Studies on the future agenda of Ibero-America, organized jointly with the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America, the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, the Inter-American Development Bank and the European Commission (Barcelona, Spain, 18 September 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Integration agencies

With the General Secretariat of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), in preparing studies aimed at developing a short-term and medium-term plan for promoting linkages and convergence between the various integration schemes.

With LAIA, in relation to databases on international trade and on the preparation of a course on competition, competitiveness and convergence.

Argentina

With the Latin American Centre for the Study of International Relations, on open regionalism.

With the National University of Cuyo, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, on globalization and integration.

Colombia

With the Diplomatic Academy of San Carlos of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, on the programme and structure of the Academy.

Cuba

With Cuban government officials, on international trade.

Chile

With the Government of Chile, on trade policy and the role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Spain

With academics and students of the University of Barcelona, and entrepreneurs and representatives of non-governmental organizations, on economic integration and MERCOSUR.

Guatemala

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the reprogramming of courses and the restructuring of the Diplomatic Academy.

Mexico

With the Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development, on international trade.

Panama

With government officials, academics and representatives of the private sector of Panama and the other Central American countries, in the first course on integration in Central America, organized by ECLAC and SELA, and with the participation of the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of Mexico.

Paraguay

With the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Diplomatic Academy of Paraguay, the National University of Asunción, and the School of Business Administration, under Spanish Agency for International Cooperation/ECLAC project SPA/92/S35, "Cooperation with Ibero-American diplomatic academies".

Uruguay

With government officials, on a course on coordination of macroeconomic policies, organized by the Training Centre for Regional Integration.

With government officials, academics and representatives of the private sector of countries which comprise the Rio Group, by participating in the course-seminar on integration policies, competition and competitiveness in Latin America.

With officials of the Training Centre for Regional Integration, on integration policies and in organizing a course on competition, competitiveness and convergence.

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

During the biennium 1994-1995, the Joint ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations carried out activities in three closely interrelated areas: information, economic research and technical cooperation.

In the area of information, progress was made in broadening the spectrum of information available and increasing the uniformity and comparability of the statistical series that appear in the "Directorio sobre inversión extranjera directa en América Latina y el Caribe". In 1994, the document, "El tratamiento a la inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe" (LC/R.1461), was published to update the information on the legal framework contained in the Directorio. Meanwhile, work continued as planned on the development of an electronic system for contributing information to this database, including user-friendly software for handling available information on foreign investment rapidly and promptly, for the benefit of both private users and users in public and academic institutions in the region, as well as other United Nations organizations, particularly UNCTAD.

With this information, a report was prepared on foreign capital inflows to Latin America, emphasizing the role of foreign direct investment (LC/G.1868).

The research activities of the Unit focused on i) industrial restructuring and international competitiveness; and ii) economic and institutional reforms and the investment process in the major national and transnational companies.

In the first area, the contribution of transnational corporations (TNCs) to industrial restructuring and international competitiveness was analysed. Case studies were done to determine how manufacturing TNCs that operate in the region are adapting to the new regional and global economic environment, in which international competitiveness is assuming critical importance. At the same time, the region's new competitive position was analysed in terms of the globalization process, and reports were prepared on the cases of Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic and Mexico; reports on Chile and Costa Rica are still awaiting publication.

A preliminary version was prepared of a report on the good performance of the Mexican motor vehicle industry. The title of the publication is "Transforming sitting ducks into flying geese: The Mexican automobile industry", Desarrollo productivo series, No. 26 (LC/G.1865), Transnational Corporations and Foreign Investment Network.

A study was done on the features of industrial restructuring in four countries of the region (Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico), and the role of transnational corporations, in order to identify the factors that have affected the changes that have been observed (LC/G.1857).

In the next stages, work in this area will focus on new productive activities that have attained a high degree of competitiveness at the international level on the basis of foreign investment.

In the area of economic and institutional reforms and the investment process in the region, the first steps have been taken in a study of large-scale investments in productive activities in Latin America in the 1990s and leading national and transnational companies in Latin America. The aim is to analyse the characteristics of new investments in the region, in the context of the latest economic and institutional reforms, and their contribution to the enhancement of international competitiveness and to closer ties with the new international industrial order.

A comparative study was prepared on the legal and contractual framework of the petroleum sector, entitled "Análisis comparado del tratamiento al capital extranjero en el sector petrolero latinoamericano". It describes the reforms carried out in this sector in recent years in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and Mexico.

Lastly, a comparative study was done on foreign investment and technology transfer in several countries of Asia and Latin America. A study was published entitled "The Taiwanese experience with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): possible lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1872).

i) Documents

Las empresas transnacionales de una economía en transición: la experiencia argentina en los años ochenta, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 91 (LC/G.1789-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.10.

Two studies on transnational corporations in the Brazilian manufacturing sector: the 1980s and early 1990s, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 18 (LC/G.1842).

Tendencias recientes de la inversión extranjera directa en América Latina y el Caribe: elementos de políticas y resultados, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 19 (LC/G.1851).

Empresas transnacionales manufactureras en cuatro estilos de reestructuración en América Latina: los casos de Argentina, Brasil, Chile y México después de la sustitución de importaciones, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 20 (LC/G.1857).

Mexico's incorporation into the new industrial order: foreign investment as a source of international competitiveness, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 21 (LC/G.1864).

Informe sobre la competitividad internacional de las zonas francas en la República Dominicana, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 22 (LC/G.1866). Transnational Corporations and Foreign Investment Network.

América Latina frente a la globalización, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 23 (LC/G.1867).

Los flujos de capital extranjero en la economía chilena: renovado acceso y nuevos usos, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 14 (LC/G.1868).

Paths towards international competitiveness: a CANalysis, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 25 (LC/G.1869).

Transforming sitting ducks into flying geese: The Mexican automobile industry, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 26 (LC/G.1865).

The Taiwanese experience with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): possible lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 28 (LC/G.1872).

El tratamiento a la inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1461).

La inversión extranjera en América Latina y el Caribe. Informe 1995 (LC/G.1890).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Thirty-seventh annual meeting of members of the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries (Medellín, Colombia, 21-22 April 1994).

Twentieth session of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations (Geneva, Switzerland, 2-11 May 1994).

Seminar, "Latin America: the current prosperity", sponsored by the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions and the Brazilian Association of Development Banks (Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 17-18 August 1994).

International symposium on competitiveness: experience and strategies, organized by the Cali Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley and the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce (Cali, Colombia, 28-29 September 1994).

Forum on new scenarios of industrial policy and technological development in Colombia, organized by the Institute of Development Policy of the Pontifical Xavieran University, with the support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the National Planning Department (Bogotá, Colombia, 29-30 November 1994).

iii) Technical cooperation

Brazil

With the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Institute of Economic and Social Planning, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the Competitive Analysis of Nations (CAN) computer program which was designed for the purpose and is based on products included at the four-digit level of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

With the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions in the form of a presentation on the importance of technology in the development of Latin America, given at the seminar, "Latin America: the current prosperity", held at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

With the Finance Company for the Study of Programs and Projects (FINEP) of the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology, on industrial extension and technological support.

Chile

With the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Colombia

With the National Manufacturers' Association, in organizing a high-level symposium on the contribution of transnational corporations to the growth and development of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the sponsorship of ECLAC and the Andean Development Corporation.

With the National Council on Competitiveness of the Office of the President of the Republic, on international competitiveness.

With the National Manufacturers' Association and the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries, on international competitiveness.

With the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the National Council on Competitiveness, the Corporation for the Promotion of Foreign Investment, the National Manufacturers' Association, the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries, the Cali Chamber of Commerce, the Universidad del Valle, the Pontifical Xavieran University and the National University of Cali, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Costa Rica

With the Chamber of Industry, on international competitiveness.

With the Centre for Export and Investment Promotion, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Cuba

With the University of Havana, on issues related to international competitiveness and transnational corporations.

Dominican Republic

With the National Council of Free Trade Zones and the Dominican Association of Free Trade Zones, on the international competitiveness of free trade zones.

With the Dominican Association of Free Trade Zones, the National Council of Free Trade Zones and the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, on analysing the competitive position of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Geneva, Switzerland

With UNCTAD, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Mexico

With the Colegio de la Frontera Norte of Tijuana, on analysing the competitive position of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Peru

With the National University of Engineering, on the importance of technology for development in Latin America.

With the Ministry for the Presidency of Peru, on technology and international competitiveness for the development of production in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Spain

With the International University of Andalucía (La Rábida), on the importance of technology for development in Latin America.

With the Spanish Centre for Latin American Studies, on international competitiveness and on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

United States of America

With the Inter-American Development Bank, on analysing the competitive position of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Uruguay

With the Sectoral Commission for MERCOSUR, on analysing the competitive capacity of the countries of the region, using the CAN computer program.

Venezuela

With the Ministry of Economic Development and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Production Associations, on the importance of technology for development in Latin America.

2. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMME PLANNING AND OPERATIONS DIVISION

Technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC)

During the 1994-1995 biennium, ECLAC continued to carry out various activities to support and promote TCDC in the region, pursuant to the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the mandates of its member countries. In particular, these activities focused on incorporating specific TCDC elements into the execution of the technical cooperation projects carried out by the divisions and offices of ECLAC in the various areas of the secretariat's work programme. These projects are funded with extrabudgetary resources from a variety of sources, both within and outside the United Nations system; a significant proportion of them are supported by the developed countries which are members of the Commission. The TCDC elements included in these projects are designed to achieve one or more of the following objectives: to strengthen national institutions in the corresponding sectors; to establish cooperation networks and support their operation; to improve information systems to expedite the match-up of technical cooperation supply and demand between countries; to consolidate national TCDC focal points; to conduct seminars and technical meetings to facilitate the exchange of experiences in areas of interest to countries; to prepare studies and reports focusing on the identification of opportunities for cooperation; and to facilitate the provision of horizontal cooperation services by local experts or consultants connected with projects.

ECLAC continues to publish the newsletter "Cooperation and Development", which is the Commissions's regular organ for reporting on its activities in support of TCDC. The newsletter has been published without interruption since 1981, in English and Spanish, and is currently issued three times a year. Issues 42 to 45 were published during the biennium, and the mailing list was updated.

ECLAC, together with SELA and the UNDP Special Unit for TCDC, continued to support the annual Meetings of Directors of International Technical Cooperation and the Coordination Mechanism for Regional Bodies and Forums Engaged in TCDC Activities. In the context of these actions, ECLAC, with the support of the Government of the Netherlands, carried out a project designed to provide support for horizontal cooperation on instruments and mechanisms to create linkages between the private and public sectors. The project was set up in accordance with an express recommendation adopted by the Directors of International Cooperation at their eighth annual meeting (Caracas, Venezuela, 1993) and followed up at the ninth meeting (La Paz, Bolivia, 1994). The results of the project, especially as regards instruments of support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the region, were of assistance to a joint initiative of SELA and the UNDP Special Unit for TCDC with the Government of Brazil, on intraregional cooperation for SMEs.

ECLAC continued to participate in follow-up, consultation and coordination activities on interregional cooperation initiatives in collaboration with the other United Nations regional commissions.

Management and administration of projects carried out with extrabudgetary funds

During 1994-1995, the substantive divisions, subregional headquarters and offices of ECLAC in various countries of the region, CELADE and ILPES cooperated on a constant basis in formulating new proposals for technical cooperation projects with extrabudgetary financing. These proposals were duly submitted to the Project Review Committee for examination and prioritization. With the Committee's approval, the necessary arrangements were made with bilateral and multilateral sources to obtain the funds needed for new projects, and the appropriate agreements or conventions were signed. During the period, ECLAC successfully managed various projects with new bilateral and multilateral sources of funding.

During the biennium, ECLAC administered the implementation of 106 projects, and remained in close contact with bilateral and multilateral sources of financing (see annex 1).

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

The Documents and Publications Division edits, translates, processes, reproduces and distributes the documents prepared by the secretariat in Spanish and English, and to a lesser extent in French. It provides these same services at conferences and meetings sponsored by ECLAC at Commission headquarters and elsewhere. In accordance with the policies established by the Publications Committee, it produces sales publications and other types of publications on its own presses, on outside presses or through co-publishing agreements with outside publishing houses. It collaborates with the Headquarters Sales Unit in the work of commercial distribution, acts as technical secretariat of the Publications Committee and prepares and implements the Commission's Publications Programme.

Conference and meeting services. Translation, editing, précis-writing and document-producing services at conferences and meetings are performed using modern computer technology. This has allowed the Division to maintain a high level of servicing while minimizing the number of staff on each conference-servicing team. At the request of the Government of Colombia, ECLAC advised on the organization of conference services for the eleventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries.

Translation and editing. A large proportion of the workload has been absorbed by the permanent staff. However, the services of contract translators and editors are still used when necessary. The permanent staff is considered a highly qualified core group and is preferably assigned work concerning matters of greater institutional importance, such as documents for meetings and reports to Governments and intergovernmental bodies. During the biennium, staff have participated in training activities, including the successful first stage of an exchange of translators with the IMF. The permanent staff guide and supervise outside translators and editors. To ensure consistency and to avoid wasting time, these outside collaborators are familiarized with the terminology and reference material available in the Division. This system, together with the use of personal computers by most permanent and outside translators and editors, has shortened turnaround time. Also noteworthy is the continuing development of the Division's Terminology and Reference Area, which, with very limited resources, has created its own databases and linked its computers to other databases in the United Nations system and in other international organizations. Advances in the use of technology and communications for this purpose have enabled reference staff to work faster, to produce glossaries and to increase their collaboration and communication with other divisions of ECLAC.

Processing, printing and publication of texts. Turnaround times and costs have continued to fall as a result of the progress made in the production of documents and publications. This has been achieved through constant upgrading of computer programs for both text and graphics processing. The exchange of information via computer networks has become widespread, as has the use of computers to maintain production statistics on all processes, and the use of databases to expedite distribution. There has been a noticeable increase in productivity per staff member: despite a continually diminishing workforce, the number of documents and publications printed has risen, and these have been distributed to double the number of recipients.

A joint effort has been made with the substantive Divisions of the Commission to improve the timeliness of documents and publications, modernize their presentation and reduce their length. The Economic Survey 1994-1995, for example, has been published in a streamlined version; the latest annual publications, such as the Social panorama and the foreign investment report, have been produced promptly; and there has been an improvement in the time taken to produce the English version of the CEPAL Review. Progress has also been made in the field of electronic publishing: diskettes of the series of statistics on which the Economic Survey is based are being brought out as an experiment, and an optical disk with information on transnational corporations is in the final stages of preparation.

In quantitative terms, during the period under review, the Division provided various types of support services to 39 conferences and other meetings sponsored by ECLAC; edited and translated 10.3 million words; produced 1,407 documents and publications, including 54 substantive sales publications; printed 76.2 million pages; distributed 832,654 copies of documents and publications using the ADDRESS computer system; and provided 24,549 copies of ECLAC and ILPES publications to the United Nations sales network and 1,736 copies of CELADE documents to the CELADE sales system.

ECLAC LIBRARY

During the biennium, the ECLAC Library continued to be very active in incorporating new information processing technologies, in order to meet the needs of both the Commission and outside users, particularly through publication of its databases on electronic media and dissemination of this information through the available channels of communication.

During 1994-1995, the Library took an active part in the publication of its bibliographic databases on optical CD-ROMs (Compact Disk/Read Only Memory), in three versions, including information networks for the Latin American region, sponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, and in two versions brought out by the University of Colima, in Mexico, sponsored by UNESCO.

In this way ECLAC has been able to publish its databases, with bibliographic information on its publications from 1948 to date, and disseminate them widely to a large number of institutions in the region, to government bodies in the countries members of ECLAC and to United Nations libraries and specialized agencies.

The Library thus ensures the presence of ECLAC through its publications and as a result of its dissemination of this information, maintains contact with a large number of institutions which then request Commission documents. The delivery of documents is carried out in collaboration with the ECLAC Distribution Unit.

The regional offices of ECLAC receive not only the databases on optical disk, but also regular updates of the information entered into the bibliographic databases, in the form of computer files which allow them to update their databases locally, thus enhancing direct user service in the countries of the region.

CEPALINDEX, an annual index of bibliographic information on the documentation produced by ECLAC year by year, continues to be published in parallel with the optical disk versions, as an effective means of reaching other circles of users. The weekly bulletin for in-home users continues to be produced in order to provide, in flexible and timely fashion, details of the information available in the Library.

Direct services to in-house users have continued to be expedited promptly, chiefly by providing staff with direct access to databases installed in the local computer network.

Internal operations such as daily monitoring of periodicals received and their internal circulation, and monitoring of loans of publications, are continually analysed and reviewed, in order, where possible, to incorporate computerized procedures, thereby increasing efficiency.

Regular review of the collections, to ensure that they are balanced and in accordance with the Commission's work programme, continues to be a constant concern of the Library. Once again, the number of agreements on exchange of publications with government bodies, academic institutions and international organizations has increased, enabling the Commission to obtain the information it needs to attain its objectives.

With regard to the ECLAC Bibliographic Information System, consisting of the ECLAC Library, CLADES and CELADE/DOCPAL, the Library has continued to take an active part in various initiatives and events, at the national and regional level, as a follow-up to the contributions by ECLAC to information in the region. The format for storage and retrieval of bibliographic information designed by ECLAC continues to be reviewed and updated on a permanent basis, in order to maintain the Commission's role as regional leader in the field.

The Library's current undertakings include the design of formats for the coming installation of ECLAC bibliographic databases on the international network INTERNET and a review of the new versions of the program MicroIsis, on which the Commission's bibliographic activities are based.

Documents

CEPALINDEX. Documentos del sistema de la CEPAL, vol. 16, 1993 (LC/G.1836).

CEPALINDEX. Documentos del sistema de la CEPAL, vol. 17, 1995 (LC/G.1876).

COMPUTER CENTRE

The goal of providing each staff member with a computer linked to a network encompassing the regional offices was met during the first half of the biennium. Work began on installing the Windows environment, although there is still some equipment without the capacity for the program.

Use of and access to the international network INTERNET became more widespread, and ECLAC established a home-page on the World Wide Web.

The Office of the Executive Secretary created an Information Management Committee, which is to supervise the development of information management, the technological basis of which is computer equipment.

With a view to improving the productivity of ECLAC, the Computer Services Section was also established under the Division of Administration, with the task of continuing to develop the technological base for information management and enabling staff to use it effectively.

INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT

The Unit performs a dual function; it is called upon to meet both the public information needs of the ECLAC system at the local and international levels and those of the other United Nations bodies which maintain offices in Chile, pursuant to the mandates of the United Nations Department of Public Information in New York.

During the period under review, the Unit's work focused on disseminating information on the permanent activities of the Commission, primarily in relation to the theme of changing production patterns with social equity. To that end, it maintained and strengthened its links with the media, government offices, non-governmental organizations and educational establishments in Latin America and the Caribbean and other regions.

In Chile, various such links were established in order to publicize the activities of the United Nations in general, particularly in regard to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the United Nations Year for Tolerance, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women. The Unit also helped disseminate information on the work carried out by other United Nations bodies which have offices in Chile.

The main activities conducted during the period included the following:

i) Publications

Notas sobre la economía y el desarrollo: This is a newsletter issued on a monthly or bimonthly basis in Spanish, with occasional editions in English, on substantive topics of concern to ECLAC. A total of 21 issues, each with a circulation of 8,500, were published and distributed both in and outside the region. Eight issues were translated into English, with press runs of approximately 2,500 copies each.

Micronoticias: This is a weekly Spanish-language summary of ECLAC and United Nations news. A total of 104 issues were published, each with a circulation of about 1,100.

ECLAC Chronicle: This publication deals with ECLAC studies. The 36 issues that were published during the biennium each had an estimated circulation of 3,000 copies in Spanish, 1,000 in English and 430 in Portuguese.

More than 190 Spanish-language press releases were prepared, for distribution through a network of local and international information media; some of these were translated into English. In order to disseminate them more widely, the Unit began using INTERNET.

ii) Information media

Press. Senior officials of the ECLAC system and the United Nations system gave over 120 interviews to representatives of the major information media within and outside the region. At the request of the Unit, around 1,000 journalists from a variety of media covered some 70 conferences, meetings or other types of activity at ECLAC headquarters and elsewhere. In this way considerable media exposure was obtained, both in Chile and at the international level.

Several press conferences were also held in various cities of the region. Information was given on a regular basis to 700 journalists who specialize in economic and social issues, and over 1,500 media outlets in a variety of countries received the regular publications of the Information Services Unit.

In order to keep senior ECLAC officials informed, two press summaries were prepared each day: one based on clippings from the Chilean press and the other on information received through an international news agency. A folder of clippings on ECLAC from the international press was also circulated.

Radio. The Unit coordinated radio interviews with senior United Nations and ECLAC officials. Cassettes of programmes of the United Nations Radio Service in New York were regularly sent to local radio stations.

Films and television. More than 150 United Nations films and video cassettes were loaned to institutions and the general public and others were shown at ECLAC headquarters. Video cassettes on United Nations activities were also distributed to television channels in Chile. The Unit also coordinated television interviews with senior United Nations and ECLAC officials.

Other activities. With UNESCO, the United Nations Department of Public Information and the Government of Chile, a seminar on the development of the communications media and democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean was organized (2-6 May 1994).

A round table for editors of Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the World Summit for Social Development was also organized (24-25 November, 1994).

iii) Direct public information services

The Unit answered around 6,000 written, telephone or personal requests for information from the general public. It organized 12 talks on the activities of the United Nations and ECLAC, chiefly for university and secondary school students.

CONFERENCE SERVICES UNIT

The activities of the Conference Services Unit have expanded significantly, and it organized approximately 230 intergovernmental conferences, expert meetings, seminars, workshops, official visits and ceremonies, and other events. In 1994 and 1995, five regional conferences at ministerial level were organized, including the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC, the nineteenth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) and others on such topics as the integration of women into the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean and housing and urban development. Official visits included those of the United Nations Secretary-General, the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Under-Secretary-General with responsibility for organizing and coordinating activities related to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

A detailed account of the activities of the Conference Services Unit appears in annex 2 of this report.

C. RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

During the period covered by this report, ECLAC maintained and strengthened its working relations and contacts with specialized agencies and other organizations, including the UNCTAD Programme on Transnational Corporations, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA), the Centre for Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), UNCTAD, the other United Nations regional commissions, UNEP, UNIDO, FAO, UNESCO, ILO, UNFPA, IMF, the World Bank, IDB, OAS, SELA and the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE).

Detailed information on the Commission's relations with most of these agencies and organizations appears in the preceding chapters of this report. Suffice it to mention here the participation of ECLAC in the third General Meeting between the representatives of the United Nations system and OAS, and its contribution to the fulfilment of the agreements resulting from the Summit of the Americas held in Miami, by producing the document, "Reflections on ways to approach the topic of the free trade areas of the Americas". ECLAC also hosted and acted as technical secretariat for the first regional inter-agency meeting of members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

With regard to links between ECLAC and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), during the period under review the Commission laid the institutional foundation for a more permanent and systematic dialogue. It strengthened its relationship with the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASONG), and made great efforts to establish links with the major networks of non-governmental organizations at the regional level. ASONG was created and sponsored by ECLAC to promote cooperation among non-governmental organizations and to further the principles of the United Nations and the Commission's programme of work. It has 35 full members (non-governmental organizations represented in Chile and recognized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council) and includes a number of organizations with observer status. Its activities have been given extra impetus by the appointment of two liaison officials by the secretariat.

In accordance with its objectives and work programme, ASONG organized a series of activities during the period under review, including the Latin American NGO Forum Preparatory to the World Summit for Social Development (ASONG was represented at the Summit); a meeting on the role of the information media in building a more caring and integrated society; the second symposium on health and nutrition; a meeting with businesspeople; and an information meeting on the results of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

In addition to establishing this closer relationship with ASONG, ECLAC also moved energetically to establish links with the main networks of non-governmental organizations at the regional level. In accordance with resolution 535(XXV), the Commission supported various initiatives at the national and regional levels in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development, which generated input for government delegations and delegations from civil society participating both in the Preparatory Committee meetings and in the Summit itself. In this regard, ECLAC sponsored a dozen meetings, seminars, symposiums or workshops for non-governmental sectors throughout the region, hosting them or making a substantial contribution to their realization.

The activities of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women, were another area which engendered significant dialogue with non-governmental organizations. The regional coordinator of non-governmental organizations for the Fourth World Conference on Women took part in the sixth Regional Conference, held at Mar de Plata, Argentina, and in the two meetings of Presiding Officers of the Conference.

ECLAC took advantage of the impetus provided by the high degree of coordination established at all levels during the periods preparatory to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women to intensify its dialogue with organizations of civil society; more than 30 of the major regional NGO networks, from all sectors, took part in the Commission's seminar, "Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the ECLAC proposals and the role of civil society".

ECLAC has also continued its efforts to disseminate information about its work to these organizations, and, at their invitation, has given presentations on topics of concern to the Commission at their meetings. In this way the work begun some years ago has borne fruit, and a systematic dialogue has been established with the regional networks, which include both the major academic non-governmental organizations and those organizations whose work concerns the promotion of development and is thus more closely related to the Commission's work programme. This dialogue will be further intensified in the future.

Annex 1

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS FINANCED FROM EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
RLA/88/039 - Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector	February 1989	December 1996	UNDP
RLA/92/003 - Financial policies for changing production patterns with social equity	January 1992	December 1996	UNDP
RLA/92/015 - Design and implementation of fiscal reforms	March 1992	December 1996	UNDP
RLA/92/030 - Governance and human development	October 1994	December 1995	UNDP
RLA/92/037 - Rationalization of social expenditure and improvement of municipal budgetary management	January 1993	December 1994	UNDP
ARG/87/014 - Support for the International Economics Centre	May 1992	June 1994	UNDP
ARG/92/016 - Strengthening the information systems of the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses	December 1992	June 1995	UNDP
ARG/93/035 - Programme for strengthening exports	February 1994	December 1995	UNDP
ARG/94/011 - Modernization of the national system for compiling statistics	October 1994	December 1994	UNDP

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
BOL/94/036 - Support for the Regional Planning Council (CONADE)	March 1995	March 1996	UNDP
JAM/89/019 - National Development Plan	May 1990	December 1994	UNDP
PAN/93/002 - Improving the national accounting system and the compilation of basic statistics	October 1994	June 1997	UNDP
URU/90/001 - Technical assistance to the social investment programme	January 1993	December 1994	UNDP
INT/90/P12 - International Programme on Training in Population and Development at ECLAC/CELADE	July 1990	December 1994	UNFPA
RLA/92/P03 - Intensive Regional Course on Demographic Analysis for Development	August 1994	December 1994	UNFPA
RLA/92/P04 (P05, P06, P07, P08) UNFPA/CELADE Regional Population Programme	January 1992	December 1995	UNFPA
RLA/92/P17 - Regional preparations for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	May 1992	October 1995	UNFPA
CAR/94/P02 - Integration of population into development planning in the Caribbean subregion	June 1994	June 1996	UNFPA
STV/89/P01 - Strengthening of population policy implementation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	April 1990	December 1995	UNFPA

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
TSS/92/PL1 - ECLAC/CELADE Advisory services on population policies to the Latin American and Caribbean Region	January 1992	December 1995	UNFPA
HAI/88/P04 - Support for the National Population Council (CONAPO)	March 1989	December 1994	UNFPA
RLA/93/W11 - Women in the informal sector of the economy in Latin America and the Caribbean: information for policy	March 1994	December 1994	UNIFEM
RLA/95/W04 - Publication of the Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001	February 1995	August 1995	UNIFEM
UNE/94/S02 - UNESCO/ECLAC agreement on a study of human resource policy at the University of Labour of Uruguay	June 1994	December 1995	UNESCO
UNI/93/S01 - Database on child mortality (CELADE)	January 1993	December 1995	UNICEF
UNI/93/S02 - Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term	September 1993	March 1996	UNICEF
BID/93/S47 - Incorporation of demographic analysis in investment projects and for training in the use of demographic data in project planning, preparation and evaluation	March 1993	March 1996	IDB
BID/91/S51 - Support for hemispheric trade integration in the Americas	June 1991	June 1995	IDB

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
BID/91/S39 - CHILE - IDB/Chile agreement (Ministry of the Interior, Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE)) / ECLAC-ILPES "Plan for institutional stregthening"	October 1991	December 1994	IDB/Government of Chile
BID/92/S64 - VENEZUELA - IDB/Venezuela (FONVIS)/ECLAC-ILPES agreement "Programme on Local Social Investment (PROINSOL)	November 1992	November 1995	IDB/Government of Venezuela
BID/94/S11 - ARGENTINA - Agreements between companies in MERCOSUR	March 1994	November 1994	IDB/Government of Argentina
BID/94/S36 - ARGENTINA - Creation of business development centres (FOMIN)	December 1994	June 1995	IDB/Government of Argentina
BID/95/S77 - ARGENTINA - Business development strategies (FOMIN)	April 1995	December 1995	IDB/Government of Argentina
BID/93/S54 - URUGUAY - Programme to improve socioeconomic information systems in Uruguay	June 1993	December 1996	IDB/Government of Uruguay
BCE/94/S10 - International cooperation framework agreement between the Central American Bank for Economic Integration and ECLAC	August 1994	July 1999	CABEI
OIM/94/S01 - Strengthening State capacity in demographic information	December 1994	September 1995	IOM (International Organization of Migration)
OPS/93/S1 - Health and changing production patterns with social equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	April 1993	December 1994	PAHO

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
OPS/93/S2 - CHILE - Health system institutionality within the framework of decentralization	December 1992	December 1994	PAHO
UNP/93/S01 - Application of economic policy instruments for environmental management and sustainable development in selected Latin American and Caribbean countries	June 1994	December 1995	UNEP
UNP/93/S02 - Meeting of the Group of Experts on the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resource management in Latin America and the Caribbean	November 1993	May 1994	UNEP
CIC/95/S63 - ECLAC/CICEPLA (Latin American Confederation of Pulp and Paper Industry) Agreement	July 1995	September 1995	CICEPLA
ARG/85/S93 - Technical cooperation agreement on economic and social matters (Federal Investors Council/ ECLAC)	November 1985	October 1994	Government of Argentina
ARG/92/S04 - ECLAC/Municipalidad de Buenos Aires agreement on economic development	September 1991	May 1995	Government of Argentina
ARG/93/S66 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National University at Río Cuarto	September 1993	April 1995	Government of Argentina
ARG/93/S74 - Agreement between ECLAC and the National University at General Sarmiento	December 1993	September 1995	Government of Argentina

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
ARG/94/S33 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Ministry of Culture and Education on improving the quality of higher education	November 1994	September 1995	Government of Argentina
ARG/95/S58 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Municipality of La Plata	April 1995	undetermined	Government of Argentina
ARG/95/S62 - Agreement between ECLAC and INDEC (National Institute of Statistics and Censuses) on the 1994 Economic Census	February 1995	December 1995	Government of Argentina
BRA/93/S26 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare (I)	March 1993	December 1994	Government of Brazil
BRA/94/S07 - Agreement between ECLAC and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare (II)	June 1994	April 1995	Government of Brazil
BRA/93/S76 - ECLAC/MF/SPE agreement on joint studies on economic and social development policy	January 1994	May 1995	Government of Brazil
BRA/95/S59 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Institute for Economic and Social Development of Paraná (IPARDES)	July 1995	September 1995	IPARDES/Brazil
CAN/89/S01 - CIDA/CELADE agreement (1989-1994) (Phase III)	April 1989	December 1994	CIDA Canada
CAN/94/S28 - General review of Central American cooperation in the field of electrical energy	October 1994	March 1996	CIDA Canada

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
CAN/91/S43 - Caribbean computer-based communications development	January 1991	June 1994	IDRC Canada
CAN/93/S19 - New financial flows into Latin America	November 1992	January 1995	IDRC Canada
CAN/93/S41 - Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean	April 1993	December 1995	IDRC Canada
CAN/93/S55 - REDATAM+GIS generic population-related application tools to facilitate decentralized local development	June 1993	November 1995	IDRC Canada
CAN/94/S20 - Utilization of the previous child method	January 1994	August 1995	IDRC Canada
CAN/92/S16 - Network of Networks	August 1992	August 1995	ALIDE (IDRC)
CHI/92/S63 - ECLAC/ILPES/Ministry of Education "Programme for better-quality education with greater social equity	December 1992	December 1994	Government of Chile
COL/95/S81 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the West Colombia Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) concerning a course in the preparation, evaluation and management of local development	March 1995	October 1995	Government of Colombia
COL/95/S48 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the East Colombia Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning (CORPES) concerning a project and operations bank	April 1995	July 1995	Government of Colombia

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
FRA/92/S52 - Expert mission on information systems for the management of the environment and human settlements	October 1992	October 1995	Government of France
FRA/93/S68 - Seminar on complementarity in production among the countries members of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)	November 1993	August 1995	Government of France
FRA/93/S75 - ECLAC/ILPES/ CELADE/IIAP Cooperation Programme (1993) (Phase IX)	December 1993	December 1994	Government of France
FRA/94/S29 - ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE/ IIAP Cooperation Programme (1993) (Phase X)	October 1994	December 1995	Government of France
FRG/91/S96 - Reform of the Argentine economic system: industrial trade and development	October 1992	September 1995	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/92/S02 - Management of water resources (Phase IV) in Latin America and the Caribbean	January 1992	December 1994	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/92/S06 - Guidelines and consultancy services on controlled environmentally sound waste management (Phase II)	October 1992	March 1995	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/92/S25 - Technical cooperation among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of road maintenance (Phase II)	September 1992	September 1994	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/92/S37 - Decentralization of fiscal policy and management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase I)	January 1992	June 1995	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
FRG/93/S49 - Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America	June 1993	June 1995	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/94/S03 - Energy and economic development in Latin America	October 1994	August 1996	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/94/S05 - Concept for improved integration of agriculture and agroindustry	January 1994	June 1996	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/94/S79 - Decentralization of fiscal policy and management in Latin America and the Caribbean (Phase II)	January 1995	December 1996	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/95/S69 - Guidelines on environmentally sound waste management (Phase III)	September 1995	August 1997	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/95/S80 - Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean	August 1995	July 1997	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
FRG/95/S95 - Technical cooperation to improve the supply of petroleum to Central America (Phase VI)	September 1995	August 1996	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
HOL/90/S38 - Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America	December 1990	July 1994	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/90/S45 - Proposals for policy reforms to increase the effectiveness of the State in Latin America and the Caribbean	February 1991	December 1994	Government of the Netherlands

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
HOL/92/S08 - Indicators for social policy formulation in Latin America and the Caribbean	September 1992	December 1994	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/92/S12 - Formulation of policies for the transformation of agricultural production in Latin America and the Caribbean	September 1992	December 1994	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/93/S83 - Proposals for changing production patterns in the housing sector of Latin America and the Caribbean	January 1994	June 1996	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/93/S91 - New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America	May 1994	June 1995	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S22 - Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin America and the Caribbean	April 1994	March 1996	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S44 - Promotion of trade and investment in Latin America and the Caribbean	March 1995	September 1996	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S57 - Public financing and provision of social services: The State's role in basic education, health care and the pension system	March 1995	February 1997	Government of the Netherlands
HOL/94/S60 - Diagnosis and evaluation of recent socio-economic progress and of social policies in the Latin American and Caribbean countries	January 1995	December 1997	Government of the Netherlands

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
ITA/91/S106 - Human resources training in economic and social development planning in Latin America (ILPES) (Phase II)	June 1995	December 1996	Government of Italy
ITA/91/S85 - Improvement of the management capacity of Latin American foreign services	January 1992	December 1995	Government of Italy
ITA/95/S71 - Urban management in selected medium-sized cities of Latin America	February 1995	January 1998	Government of Italy
JAP/94/S13 - Agreement ECLAC/JICA "Study team on economic development of the Argentine Republic"	September 1994	undetermined	JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)
JAP/95/S65 - Contract ECLAC/IDCJ "Study on small and medium sized enterprises"	August 1995	undetermined	IDCJ (International Development Center of Japan)
MEX/93/S01 - Support for the utilization of differentiated policies for rural economic organization	January 1993	December 1994	Government of Mexico
MEX/93/S32 - A competitive strategy compatible with effective insertion in the world market	August 1993	March 1994	Government of Mexico
PAR/90/S92 - Technical cooperation project for the improvement of national accounts in Paraguay	November 1990	December 1995	Government of Paraguay
RUS/90/S03 - The foreign economic policy of Russia and its implications for Latin America and the Caribbean	August 1990	December 1994	Government of Russia

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
SPA/92/S18 - Expert mission (Statistics)	October 1992	September 1994	AECI (Government of Spain)
SPA/92/S35 - Cooperation with Ibero-American diplomatic academies	July 1993	undetermined	AECI (Government of Spain)
STL/92/S17 - Technical cooperation agreement between the Government of Saint Lucia and ECLAC	January 1993	September 1994	Government of Saint Lucia
SWE/94/S18 - Comparative study on the experiences of privatization in Bolivia and Nicaragua	July 1994	July 1995	SIDA/Sweden
SWE/95/S61 - Support and promotion of social policies through reforming the public sector and enhancing equity in Latin America and the Caribbean	July 1995	June 1997	SIDA/Sweden
UAC/94/S09 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Austral University of Chile	November 1994	October 1995	Austral University of Chile
UBB/95/S97 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and Bío-Bío University	January 1995	December 1995	Bío-Bío University of Chile
UDV/95/S46 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the University del Valle	January 1995	January 1996	University del Valle, Colombia
UMC/94/S23 - Agreement between ECLAC/ILPES and the Magdalena University of Santa Marta, Colombia	September 1992	December 1995	Magdalena Technological University of Santa Marta, Colombia

Title of project	Starting date	Ending date	Source of funding
URU/92/S53 - ECLAC/ANEP (Uruguay) agreement: Diagnosis of the second cycle of secondary education and evaluation of knowledge of languages and mathematics in terminal courses	September 1992	December 1995	Government of Uruguay
URU/93/S73 - ECLAC/Government of Uruguay agreement "Economic and social cooperation" (Phase II)	January 1994	December 1998	Government of Uruguay

Annex 2

MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE ECLAC SYSTEM

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
	1994		
Seminar-workshop on strategies for the modernization of the public services	12 January	Santiago	Economic and social planning/Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior of Chile)
Sixteenth Executive Committee Meeting of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	18 January	Guyana	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Twelfth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	18-22 January	Guyana	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting on a proposal for environmental management by the municipalities in the Metropolitan Region	19-20 January	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Sixth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment	24-27 January	Santiago	Economic development
Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting of Women's Bureaux from Non-CARICOM Countries	24-29 January	Cuba	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
National seminar on competitive analysis of nations, held under project RLA/88/039	22-23 February	Bogotá	Industrial, scientific and technological development
Meeting of the group of experts on the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resources management in Latin America and the Caribbean	16-18 March	Santiago	Natural resources and energy
Technical meeting of experts from countries of the region which are party to the Basel Convention	17-18 March	Geneva	Natural resources and energy
Workshop on municipalization of social services	28 March	Santiago	Economic and social planning
Seminar on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other free trade agreements: an environmental perspective	29-30 March	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean	31 March	Washington, D.C.	Population

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
International seminar on technological development and environmental management in Latin American enterprises	5 April	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development / Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA) / Association of Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Industries (ASIMET)
Workshop on the legal concepts involved in the management of road maintenance	11-13 April	Santiago	Transport
Meeting of Petroleum and Natural Gas Directors of Central America	14-15 April	Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Fifth informal inter-agency meeting on youth in Latin America and the Caribbean	19 April	Montevideo	Social development
Fourth informal inter-agency meeting on integrated social policies and economic adjustment in Latin America and the Caribbean	26 April	Cartagena	Social development
Seminar on municipalization of social services	29 April	Santiago	Economic and social planning / Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior of Chile) / PAHO
Seminar on reform and modernization of the State in Latin America	18-20 May	Mexico City	Economic and social planning / Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico / International Institute for Public Administration of France
National seminar on competitive analysis of nations and strengthening business associations in Latin America, held under project RLA/88/0391*	27-28 May	Santo Domingo	Industrial, scientific and technological development / ECLAC/UNDP / APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc.
Second seminar on industrial organization, innovative mechanisms and international competitiveness, held under project CAN/93/S41	6-8 June	Termas del Corazón, Chile	Industrial, scientific and technological development
Third regional meeting on information management	6-10 June	São Paulo	CLADES
Taller sobre alternativas de financiamiento de los programas para la superación de la pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe	20-22 June	Santiago	Social development / Solidarity and Social Investment Fund of Chile / OAS

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Evaluation meeting on the ECLAC/AMBIONET Electronic Information Exchange System, held under project CAN/91/S43*	21-24 June	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting of the advisory committee of project FRG/92/S06*	23-24 June	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Seminar on foreign direct investment and technology transfer between Europe and Latin America, held under project ITA/91/S85*	27-28 June	Santiago	Regional integration and cooperation
Caribbean subregional meeting preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women	28-29 June	Curaçao	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, held under project HOL/92/S12*	28-29 June	Guatemala City	Food and Agriculture / Government of Guatemala / FAO
Technical seminar on fiscal decentralization and municipal finances in Nicaragua	28-30 June	Managua	Economic development / ECLAC/GTZ Project / Association of Nicaraguan Municipalities / Nicaraguan Institute for Municipal Development / Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Subregional Meeting Preparatory to the Sixth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	4-6 July	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean	18 July	Ottawa, Canada	Population
Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean	20-22 July	Asunción	Population
Meeting of Caribbean Language Experts	24 July	Dominican Republic	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting of the Working Group on Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs)	24 July	Dominican Republic	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Fifteenth session of the CDCC	25-29 July	Santo Domingo	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar on standardization of technical specifications for lubricants in Central America	28-29 July	Houston, Texas	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Workshop on women's participation in the manufacturing industry: patterns, determinants and future trends. Regional analysis: Latin America and the Caribbean	2-3 August	Santiago	Integration of women in development / Industrial, scientific and technological development
Regional seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, held under project HOL/92/S12*	3-5 August	Santiago	Food and agriculture / FAO / Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
ECLAC/UNFPA Caribbean Subregional Meeting of Country Delegates preparatory to the International Conference on Population and Development	3-6 August	Jamaica	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar on the proposal for changing production patterns with social equity and economic, social and cultural rights	16-17 August	Santiago	Social development / Inter-American Institute of Human Rights
Seminars on environmental law, held under project FRG/92/S06*	18 August	Campinas, Brazil	Environment and human settlements / Municipal Prefecture of Campinas
	23-25 August	Córdoba, Argentina	Environment and human settlements / Municipality of Córdoba / Legal and Social Research Centre / Friedrich Ebert Foundation / Association for the Development of Environmental Management
Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, held under project HOL/92/S12*	30 August-1 September	San José	Food and agriculture
Second regional seminar on progress and prospects for environmentally sound management of urban and industrial waste, held under project FRG/92/S06*	30 August-1 September	Santiago	Environment and human settlements
Seminar on population, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean	1 September	Paris	Population
Meeting of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group for follow-up on the Regional Plan of Action	6 and 13 September	Cairo	Population
Seminar on trade and investment between Latin America and Russia, held under project RUS/90/S03*	22-23 September	Santiago	International trade and development financing
Seminar on municipal management and training	27-28 September	Santiago	Economic and social planning / UNDP

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Meeting of experts on secondary education in Chile	28 September	Santiago	Social development
Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters	11-14 October	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
International seminar on fiscal decentralization in Latin America: balance, challenges and outlook	17-20 October	Quito	Economic development
Seventeenth Executive Meeting of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	20-21 October	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Subregional meeting on coastal management in marine and coastal areas of high biodiversity in the Atlantic	23-27 October	Tamandaré, Brazil	Natural resources and energy
Seminar on basic grains in Central America: proposals for small producers	27-28 October	Managua	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America / Government of Nicaragua
Fourth regional meeting on information management	24-28 October	Lima	CLADES
Seminar on modernization of the State and planning and control systems	27 October	Santiago	Economic and social planning / Central University of Chile / University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Teleconference in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women	1 November	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
ECLAC/IMF seminar on balance of payments statistics	7-25 November	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Meeting of experts on Central America in the light of new processes of cooperation, integration and trade	7-8 November	Guatemala City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on population and development challenges at the dawn of the twenty-first century	8 November	Santiago	Population
Seminars on changing housing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean, held under project HOL/93/S83*	9-11 November	Lima	Environment and human settlements
	5-7 December	Belo Horizonte, Brazil	
National seminar on policies for competitiveness for the small and medium-sized enterprise, held under project RLA/88/039*	10 November	La Paz	Industrial, scientific and technological development / Social, Economic and Technological Assistance Institute / Small-scale Industries Association of Bolivia / Konrad Adenauer Foundation

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Seminar on migration and regional integration	12-19 November	Córdoba, Argentina	Population / University of Córdoba
Regional seminar on modernizing mining legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean	14-16 November	Havana	Natural resources and energy
Seminar on agroindustry and competitiveness	16 November	Santo Domingo	Food and agriculture / Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) / Ministry of Agriculture / Dominican Board of Agricultural Enterprise
Seminar on the Uruguay Round and development in Latin America	17-18 November	Santiago	International trade and development financing
Seminar on reform of public policies, held under project HOL/90/S45*	21-23 November	Santiago	Economic development
Workshop on the urban informal sector from the perspective of gender: the case of Mexico	28-29 November	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
First meeting of Latin American and Caribbean treasury departments	5-7 December	Santiago	Economic and social planning / General Treasury of the Republic of Chile / Banco del Estado de Chile / International Cooperation Agency of Chile / Office of the Under-Secretary for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Worship and International Trade of Argentina
CCST/UNESCO/University of the West Indies (UWI) Caribbean High-Level Workshop on Renewable Energy Technologies	5-9 December	Saint Lucia	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meeting preparatory to the international symposium on adolescent health	6-7 December	Santiago	Social development / Ibero-American Youth Organization
ECLAC/CDCC second meeting preparatory to the World Social Summit	6-8 December	Antigua and Barbuda	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Regional workshop on indicators for social policy formulation	12-14 December	Santiago	Social development / Statistics and economic projections

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
	1995		
Workshop of experts on a methodology for evaluating the distributive consequences of macroeconomic policies	16-17 January	Santiago	International trade and development financing
Seventh regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment, held under project RLA/92/015*	23-26 January	Santiago	Economic development / ECLAC / UNDP
Meeting of consultants on the project, "Promotion of non-traditional exports"	27-28 February	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
National meetings on information management	2-11 March	Havana	CLADES
	11-15 September	São Paulo	
	19-22 September	Rio de Janeiro	
	16-20 October	Managua	
	23-27 October	San Salvador	
Special meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE)	10 March	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
National forum on competitive industrial development in Venezuela, held under project RLA/88/039*	20 March	Caracas	Industrial, scientific and technological development / Ministry of Economic Development / Foreign Trade Institute
National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of small firms	30 March	Quito	International trade and development financing / UNDP / Institute of Socio-economic and Technological Research
Seminar-workshop on the topic, "Reform of secondary education in Chile: towards greater equity?"	10-11 April	Santiago	Social development
Seminar on the comparative analysis of laws on the importation and sale of petroleum products in Central America	20-21 April	Panama City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on complementarity of production between the countries members of MERCOSUR, held under project FRA/93/S68*	20-21 April	Santiago	Regional integration and cooperation
Meeting to discuss the project, "Improving the quality and equity of education: methods of measurement and resource allocation"	21-28 April	Santiago	Social development

Annex 2 (cont.7)

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Seminar on the social dimension of regional integration	24-28 April	Santiago	Regional integration and cooperation / Training Centre for Regional Integration / IDB
Pre-project planning meeting on the POPIN/DOCPAL/IPALCA Network	26-28 April	Santiago	Population
National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of Chile (ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project)	3-4 May	Santiago	Natural resources and energy
Caribbean population and development meeting of experts: follow-up to ICPD	3-5 May	Bahamas	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Conference on APEC, the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America	5 May	Santiago	Economic development
National seminar on the financing of small firms: the current situation and prospects	9 May	La Paz	International trade and development financing
International symposium on adolescent health	16-19 May	Cartagena	Social development / Ibero-American Youth Organization
Meeting of Caribbean Experts on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action	17-19 May	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Meetings of experts on social security	18-19 May	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
International seminar on successful experiences in government-private sector cooperation in Latin America, held under project HOL/93/S91*	22-23 May	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development
Seminar on foreign direct investment in Latin America: new developments and promotional strategies	25-26 May	Santiago	International trade and development financing / Foreign Investment Committee of Chile / Foreign Investment Advisory Services of the World Bank
National seminar on privatizations in Bolivia and Nicaragua	12-13 June	Managua	Economic development
Seminar on Latin American foreign services and the development of trade between Latin America and the European Union, held under project ITA/91/S85*	12-13 June	Rome	Regional integration and cooperation
Meeting of high-level experts on coordination of social and economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean	21-22 June	Caracas	Social development / SELA / Latin American Centre for Development Administration (CLAD)

Annex 2 (cont.8)

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Fifth informal inter-agency meeting on integrated social policies and economic adjustment in Latin America and the Caribbean	23 June	Cartagena	Social development
Seminar on energy and sustainable development	24-28 June	San Salvador	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Symposium on environmental information and indicators for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean	27-29 June	Santiago	Environment and human settlements / Government of France
National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of El Salvador	27-30 June	San Salvador	Natural resources and energy
Seminar on the role of investment and financing in changing production patterns in Central America	3-4 July	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on dissemination of statistical information	3-7 July	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
Seminar-workshop on information on population and poverty for social programmes	4-7 July	Lima	Population / National Social Compensation and Development Fund (FONCODES)/ National Institute of Statistics and Informatics / Ministry for the Presidency
Seventh Monitoring Committee Meeting of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	13 July	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
ECLAC/CDCC Focal Points Workshop	13-14 July	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Regional seminar on economic instruments for environmental management in Latin America and the Caribbean	18-20 July	Oaxtepec, State of Morelos, Mexico	Environment and human settlements / ECLAC / UNEP / Mexican Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries
Third subregional seminar under project HOL/93/S83*	17-19 August	La Paz	Environment and human settlements
Meeting of experts on the main socio-economic trends in Latin America	22 August	Santiago	Social development
Meeting on restructuring public institutes	22-23 August	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development /Division of Production, Productivity and Management / Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
Meeting of experts on sectoral reforms in Latin America	23-24 August	Santiago	Social development

Annex 2 (cont.9)

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Conference on productivity, technological change and mechanisms for innovation in Latin America in the 1990s, held under project CAN/93/S41*	28-30 August	Marbella, Chile	Industrial, scientific and technological development / United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH)
Meeting of experts on multimodal transport	6-7 September	San Salvador	Transport / Central American Commission of Maritime Transport
National seminar on economic and social promotion and integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agroindustry	7-8 September	Quito	Food and agriculture
	28-29 September	Lima	
	3-4 October	Bogotá	
	13-14 November	Trinidad and Tobago	
	16-17 November	San Salvador	
	20 November	Guayaquil	
Seminar for an exchange of experiences on economic and social policies for development between Latin America, Russia and several European countries	11-14 September	Moscow	Social development / Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation
Meeting of experts on prospects for trade in agricultural products between Central America and Mexico	21-22 September	Mexico City	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Thirteenth plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)	22-27 September	Cuba	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
National seminar on energy and development in Latin America and the Caribbean: the case of Colombia (ECLAC/OLADE/GTZ project)	26-27 September	Bogotá	Natural resources and energy
Eleventh regular meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE)	28-29 September	Antigua	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Seminar on economic reforms and strategic public management, held under the technical cooperation agreement, with the Brazilian Ministry of Planning and Evaluation and the Institute of Applied Economic Research	2-6 October	Brasilia	Economic and social planning
National seminar on recent experiences with support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America	3 October	Brasilia	International trade and development financing
Regional seminar-workshop on private-sector participation in water utilities	4-6 October	Santiago	Natural resources and energy / American Society of Civil Engineers of the United States

Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
Seminar on public works in Chile	6 October	Santiago	Transport / Official Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Chile
Regional seminar on the role of new and renewable sources of energy in the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean: the case for geothermal energy	18-20 October	Santiago	Natural resources and energy
Lecture on recent trends in international migration in Latin America	20 October	Santiago	Population
National seminar on support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America	25 October	San José	International trade and development financing / ECLAC / UNDP / Costa Rican Chamber of Industry
International seminar on the new role of business associations in the development of production	25-26 October	Santiago	Industrial, scientific and technological development / Friedrich Ebert Foundation/ Sercal Foundation, with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile/ Small-scale Industrial Development Network for the Andean Region (ANDINET)
Meeting of experts on the impact of ports on the exporting process: changes and administration	26-27 October	Santiago	Transport / Maritime League of Chile
International seminar on fiscal decentralization and decentralized management in Latin America: best practices and policy lessons	26-28 October	Cartagena	Economic development
Seminar on social policy in Latin America today: alternatives for Paraguay	30-31 October	Asunción	Social development / Paraguayan Department of Social Welfare / UNDP
Meeting of experts on improving the quality and equity of basic education, Experiencia Delphi	8 November	Santiago	Social development
ECLAC/FAO/UWI National Seminar on Agroindustry and Small-scale Agriculture	13-14 November	Trinidad and Tobago	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Workshop on decentralizing and financing social spending on education and health services	20-21 November	Santiago	Economic development
Seminar on future trends in mortality, held under the IIAP/ECLAC/ILPES/CELADE cooperation agreement	22-24 November	Santiago	Population / School of Public Health of the University of Chile

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Title	Date	Place	Subprogramme and related bodies
ECLAC/CARICOM Ad Hoc Working Group on Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action	23 November	Port of Spain	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of smaller firms in Latin America	27 November	Bogotá	International trade and development financing / ECLAC / UNDP / Industrial Development Institute
ECLAC/CCST Seminar on the Promotion of Competitiveness	27-28 November	Saint Lucia	Subregional activities in the Caribbean
Seminar-workshop on operations planning	27 November-1 December	Tegucigalpa	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Workshop on the public decision-making process and resource allocation	30 November-6 December	Santiago	Economic and social planning
Expert group meeting on international price comparison in the framework of the new System of National Accounts	4-7 December	Santiago	Statistics and economic projections
International seminar on industrial policy: a comparative analysis of the recent experience of Latin American and European countries, held under project RLA/88/039*	5-6 December	Brasilia	Industrial, scientific and technological development / Institute of Applied Economic Research / ECLAC office in Brasilia
Fourth subregional seminar under project HOL/93/S83*	6-8 December	Havana	Environment and human settlements
Meeting of the Operational Security Group of the Operations Subcommittee of the Central American Electrification Council (CEAC)	11-15 December	San José	Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America
Meeting of the group of experts on the implementation of Agenda 21 with regards to integrated water resource management in Latin America and the Caribbean	12-14 December	Santiago	Natural resources and energy / ECLAC / UNEP

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* See annex 1.

III. TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the session

1. The twenty-sixth session of the Commission was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 15 to 20 April 1996.

Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following 36 member States of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

3. Two associate members of the Commission were also represented: Aruba and Netherlands Antilles.

4. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Commission, observers from the following United Nations Member States which are not members of the Commission were present in a consultative capacity: Australia, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Malta, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa and Sweden.

5. The following States which are not members of the United Nations were represented in a consultative capacity: Holy See and Switzerland.

6. The United Nations Secretariat sent a representative from the Regional Commissions New York Office.

7. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies attended the session: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Fund for Development of Women, United Nations Population Fund, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations University-University for Peace and World Food Programme.

8. The following United Nations specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization-Pan American Health Organization, World Bank-International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Universal Postal Union, International Telecommunications Union and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

9. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Caribbean Community, Central American Research Institute for Industry, General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, Group of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar-Exporting Countries, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, International Organization for Migration, Latin American Economic System, Organization of American States and Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty for Central American Economic Integration.

10. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were also represented: Category I: International Cooperative Alliance, International Organization of Employers, World Confederation of Labour and World Federation of Trade Unions. Category II: Baha'i International Community and the South American Commission for Peace, Regional Security and Democracy. Roster: Indian Council of South America.

11. Many special guests attended, whose names appear in the list of participants in annex 4.

Credentials

12. Pursuant to rule 15 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the credentials of the delegations as submitted to the Executive Secretary were examined and found to be in order.

Election of officers

13. At the first plenary meeting, the delegations elected the officers of the twenty-sixth session.

14. The officers were as follows:

Chairman:	Costa Rica
Vice-Chairmen:	Aruba Canada Uruguay
Rapporteur:	Colombia

Organization of work

15. The meeting was divided into several stages. During the first stage, which took place on 15 and 16 April, there was a technical discussion of conceptual issues summarized by the ECLAC secretariat in the documents submitted to the Governments of States members for their consideration. During the

second stage, which took place on 17 and 18 April, delegations considered the topic of the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, the report of the activities of the Commission since April 1994 and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1998-1999, as well as the draft resolutions submitted. The session concluded with a ministerial stage (19 and 20 April), whose purpose was to discuss at the highest level the substantive items proposed for consideration by delegations and to give final approval of the draft resolutions and other documents resulting from the session.

16. Concurrently, in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions, the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions and the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development met.

17. The officers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development were as follows:

Chairman:	Mexico
Vice-Chairmen:	Bolivia Grenada Netherlands
Rapporteur:	Costa Rica

18. The officers of the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions were as follows:

Chairman:	Jamaica
Vice-Chairmen:	Ecuador Peru
Rapporteur:	Guatemala

19. The reports of the Committees may be found in annexes 2 and 3 of this report.

Documentation

20. The list of working documents submitted by the secretariat at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission is given in annex 1.

B. AGENDA

21. The Commission adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of the work of the twenty-sixth session
3. Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics
4. Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC

5. Meetings of auxiliary bodies and regional meetings sponsored by ECLAC in preparation for United Nations world conferences: conclusions and recommendations

6. Other activities of the secretariat of the ECLAC system since the twenty-fifth session and programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999

    a) ECLAC
    b) Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development
    c) Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
    d) Preparatory activities for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
    e) Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE)
    f) Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)

7. Calendar of conferences for the period 1996-1998

8. Some recent resolutions and decisions adopted by United Nations organs which should be brought to the attention of the Commission

9. Follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development

10. Cooperation among developing countries and regions

11. Admission of Anguilla as an associate member of the Commission

12. Other matters

13. Consideration and adoption of the resolutions of the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC

C. OPENING AND CLOSING MEETINGS

Opening of the technical stage

22. At the opening meeting of the technical stage, statements were made by Mr. Fernando Naranjo Villalobos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica, and by Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

23. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC thanked the Government and authorities of Costa Rica for their invaluable help in organizing and holding the twenty-sixth session of the Commission. Stressing the importance of the meeting, he pointed out that it came at a crucial time for reflecting on the future of Latin America and the Caribbean and for facing, with renewed vision and vitality, the challenges posed at both the micro- and the macroeconomic levels by the changes in the global context. It was also an appropriate time to consider how the reform of the United Nations might influence the work of ECLAC. The Commission was more than the sum of its parts, and its operation was contingent upon the quality and content of the ties between member Governments and the secretariat. These ties were permanent in

nature and were reflected at many levels and in many activities; however, they needed to be reviewed from time to time in order to take the pulse of the region and the institution, to assess the situation, and to draw up measures for the future. The current session provided the opportunity to stop and evaluate the relevance, efficiency and sense of direction of ECLAC. Thus, the substantive issue of the meeting was how to strengthen the development of Latin America, while the procedural issue was how to make the Commission more relevant to that development process, in the context of the reform of the United Nations.

24. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica welcomed all the participants on behalf of the people and Government of Costa Rica, and said that Central America was perhaps the region of the Americas in which the greatest changes had taken place in the past two decades. Not only had it made important strides towards establishing peace and consolidating democratic institutions, but it had also launched a process of economic liberalization and a search for equilibrium between market mechanisms and more efficient governments. Two good examples of the new goals which the region had adopted were the Alliance for Sustainable Development, in which the Presidents of the Central American countries had pledged to strengthen economic and social development, and the Tuxtla Gutiérrez II meeting, in which the Central American countries and Mexico had agreed to move gradually but steadily towards the establishment of a regional free trade zone.

25. With reference to ECLAC, he was certain that the session would provide an opportunity to consider the Commission's substantial past and current achievements, and to discuss its future. Within the context of the reform process taking place within the United Nations, it was important not only to ensure the continued existence of ECLAC but to strengthen it; he was confident that the Commission would emerge from the session fortified and revitalized, a hope shared by all who believed in ECLAC.

26. After stressing the importance which his Administration attached to the topics that were to be dealt with during the session, he expressed his conviction that the meeting would make it possible to formulate a critical but positive assessment of the economic and social situation in the region.

Opening of the ministerial stage

27. The opening meeting of the ministerial stage was held on 19 April. Addresses were delivered by Mr. José María Figueres, President of the Republic of Costa Rica; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Director of the National Planning Department of Colombia, the country which held the chairmanship of the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC, and Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of the Commission.

28. In his opening address, the Director of the National Planning Department of Colombia said that ECLAC was the chief centre for economic thought in the region and part of its history for the past fifty years. Yet in the thick of the development crisis, from which the region had still not fully emerged, ECLAC had also been one of the institutions most criticized and had been unjustly blamed for all the economic policy excesses of the countries of the region. In hindsight, it was clear that the countries should have acted sooner to orient their production towards exports and should not have underestimated the advantages of more open and less regulated markets, apart from other macroeconomic errors, notably the excessive external debt that had caused so much harm to the region.

29. At a very early stage, ECLAC had warned against excessive concentration on domestic markets and advocated regional integration, ideas and theories which had now been widely developed and

generally accepted. Accumulated experience and situations such as deteriorating income distribution had revealed the errors committed and thrown a new light on the contribution of ECLAC, the great creativity of its work and its capacity to continue adapting and refining its theories, as the documents presented at this and previous sessions demonstrated.

30. Turning to the basic concepts that should serve as guidelines for development policies, he said that they included the inseparability of economic and social policies, the need to accumulate social capital and the importance of maintaining basic macroeconomic equilibria. The fourth guideline was emphasized in the most recent ECLAC proposal and concerned the need to focus more explicitly on the interactions between macroeconomic policy and the structural and institutional aspects of the microeconomic level. He noted that his country's current development plan was based on the above concepts.

31. In closing, he expressed his Government's support for ECLAC, whose restructuring process should serve as an opportunity to continue renewing its work agenda and strengthening its ties with member Governments, the academic community and other sectors in the region. The work of the Commission had been vindicated by history and beyond a doubt continued to be relevant. The session thus offered an opportunity for the countries represented to reaffirm their commitment to an institution so essential to the past, present and future of Latin America and the Caribbean.

32. The Executive Secretary of the Commission warmly thanked the people and Government of Costa Rica for their support for the United Nations and the Commission and, in particular, the preparations for the twenty-sixth session, for which they had provided splendid facilities.

33. In seeking to meet the great challenges of Latin American and Caribbean development, ECLAC had learned from both its successes and its failures. In that process, it had benefited from the wide variety of situations experienced by the countries in the region. The secretariat had seen the need to prepare an assessment of what had been learned in order to assist the countries in identifying and eliminating the obstacles to accelerated growth within a framework of stability, social equity and democracy, particularly in the light of the consternation aroused by the 1995 Mexican financial crisis and its aftermath.

34. The assessment had resulted in four main conclusions. First, despite significant improvements in economic performance in recent years, accompanied by major changes in productive structures, the region had not yet achieved sufficiently robust growth to ensure a higher level of well-being for all, especially the most disadvantaged groups. Second, while nearly all the countries displayed certain common features linked to the demands of globalization, there were important ways in which they differed, as in the pace, timing, scope and content of economic reforms. Third, the restoration and maintenance of macroeconomic equilibria was not a matter of ideological preference, but a requirement for an increasingly transnationalized economy; the region should avoid the temptation of achieving higher growth at the price of stability. Fourth, experience showed that rapid and sustained growth could not be achieved solely on the basis of market signals and macroeconomic discipline. The proposal submitted by the ECLAC secretariat therefore emphasized the need for measures at the macroeconomic, microeconomic and institutional levels in order to support productive modernization, the development of financial and labour markets and the strengthening of institutions that create an environment favourable to development.

35. The recognition that not all problems could be solved by the market had reopened the old debate over the nature and scope of public policy measures. The doctrinaire opposition to selective intervention in the 1980s had resulted in the virtual disappearance of sectoral policies, which, in turn, had hampered the wider dissemination of technical progress, the deepening of financial markets and a more equitable

distribution of the benefits of the recovery. It was important, therefore, to give renewed attention to the interplay of macro- and microeconomics in the Latin American and Caribbean development agenda, and to clarify what was intended by microeconomic and mesoeconomic policies expressly designed to strengthen, not supplant, market forces.

36. The main points of the ECLAC proposal were as follows. First, in order to increase productivity and create more and better jobs, the region must expand its gross domestic product by around 6% per annum. Second, the main economic policies must be constantly adapted to ensure the long-term sustainability of macroeconomic equilibria and avoid inefficiencies in the allocation of resources, in order to expand the production frontier, promote saving and investment and stimulate innovation. Third, in order to achieve growth rates of that magnitude, the region must meet certain goals in terms of national saving, channelling saving into productive investment, making better use of existing capital and stimulating capital formation, including human capital formation. Fourth, in order to expand linkages within productive systems and enable demand and technical progress to radiate outward from the leading sectors to the rest of the economy —a prerequisite for increasing productivity— two sets of measures were called for: actions at the microeconomic level to assist certain firms in incorporating the best international practices and technologies, and mesoeconomic, or horizontal, actions to promote the dissemination and large-scale assimilation of such practices, while facilitating access by all firms to a well-structured capital market and training system.

37. Discussion of the ECLAC proposal raised the question of the Commission's role within a reformed United Nations system, which, in turn, had implications for the debate over ways to enhance the Organization's efficiency, effectiveness and relevance. It was appropriate, therefore, to use the opportunity afforded by the current session to deepen the process of consultations regarding the future of ECLAC. That process should take into account the Commission's unique contribution to the analysis of the major development issues facing Latin America and the Caribbean, and its fruitful and collaborative relationship with member governments.

38. In conclusion, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the death of Mr. Raúl Prebisch, whose life and work had been so closely bound up with ECLAC, he wished to reaffirm that change could be a source not only of uncertainty, but also of creative and dynamic solutions. That, in his view, accounted for the vitality evident in Latin American and Caribbean societies, which raised hopes not only for the region's future, but also for the future of ECLAC.

39. After welcoming the participants, the President of Costa Rica said that he would like to reflect on the benefits of development, especially in light of the positive changes that had resulted from the cold war. It was important to recognize the great progress that the region had made since the "lost decade", especially in the area of democracy. Although there were weaknesses and omissions, and no room for naivety or complacency, there was good reason to celebrate the fact that respect for human rights was on the increase in the countries of the region. Not to do so could lead to scepticism, which was understandable to some degree, but could also become an intolerable burden. The countries must respond, therefore, to the challenge of making democracy sustainable. That would mean achieving increased economic well-being and building a responsible political culture and appropriate attitudes regarding governability. All sectors must join forces to that end, since that was the key to winning in a ruthlessly competitive world.

40. Nevertheless, there was no question that the benefits of peace and democracy had not been enough to guarantee the well-being of the majority of the population. Optimistic statistics about the current

situation could not hide the fact that the social panorama was not encouraging, but rather was fraught with uncertainties, given the present international circumstances and the vulnerability of the economies of the region. As ECLAC had rightly recommended, macroeconomic change must go hand in hand with microeconomic measures, which were essential for expanding growth. Hence, it was most appropriate that the ECLAC member countries should be meeting to explore ways to translate the lessons learned into policy measures aimed at improving the economies of the hemisphere. Indeed, ECLAC had the opportunity, once again, to play a leading role in the region, by serving as a think-tank to help provide answers and support the struggle in which all the Latin American and Caribbean countries were engaged.

41. In Central America, for example, the Alliance for Sustainable Development of Central America, created in 1994, was an agreement that had no parallel in any other region of the world, and marked the beginning of a new stage of development based on productive excellence, democratic transparency and a commitment to mankind. The Alliance reflected the Central American belief in the fundamental importance of regional and national frameworks based on a vision reconciling the principles of efficiency and innovation with compassion for the poorest sectors. That was why all Central Americans were deeply committed to the Guatemalan peace process and hoped that the necessary support would be provided to enable that country to make national unity a reality and to revitalize its economy. In this new Central American context, Costa Rica aimed at achieving sustainable development in the economic, social, environmental and political spheres, in order to bring together all members of the society and to ensure that all measures adopted were increasingly well-coordinated and transparent.

42. For the reasons just mentioned, the dramatic changes and unprecedented challenges that would undoubtedly characterize the end of the twentieth century should not lead to paralysis or fear, but rather to creativity, faith and hope.

Closing meeting

43. At the closing meeting of the ministerial stage, statements were made by Mr. Fernando Naranjo Villalobos, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica, Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Mr. Armand Engelbrecht, Minister of Finance of Aruba.

44. The Minister of Finance of Aruba expressed his appreciation to the people and Government of Costa Rica for their hospitality and thanked the secretariat and all the participants for their contributions, which had brought the session to such a successful conclusion. He said that approval of the resolution accepting Aruba's invitation to host the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC in 1998 constituted a very special occasion for his Government, which hoped that the event would help to narrow the distance and promote greater cooperation and integration between the Caribbean and the continent. This was a challenge that the people of Aruba accepted with alacrity.

45. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship, in the name of Costa Rica, thanked the countries for responding to the session invitation and the session participants for making the encounter one rich in ideas. With reference to the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, he said that the debate had been positive and the foundation had been laid for a bright future in which a renewed Commission would address the great challenges that lay ahead for the region. The countries had shown their conviction that they needed ECLAC and that it would be as important to them in the future as it had been in the past.

46. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that the admission of Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC reflected the pluralistic nature of the Commission, a characteristic that was a motive for pride and accorded with the grand purposes of the Charter of the United Nations. With respect to the session, the Secretary said that he had been very pleased by the ambience of serenity and solidarity that had prevailed in the debates and by the progress achieved both in the substantive examination of development in the countries of the region and in the process of adapting ECLAC to the demands of the future. The session had been very fruitful, and now it was a matter of advancing along the two roads signposted. In conclusion, he expressed his gratitude to Costa Rica, with special thanks to its President, whose splendid fraternal support had made the success of the meeting possible, and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship and all those who had worked with him.

D. REPORT BY THE RAPPORTEUR

Technical stage

47. During the first part of the session there was a discussion of the conceptual elements outlined by the ECLAC secretariat in the document entitled "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics" and a companion document entitled "The economic experience of the last fifteen years. Latin America and the Caribbean, 1980-1995".

48. The secretariat gave brief presentations on the three major themes of the first document, namely: i) macroeconomic stability as the basis for growth; ii) improving levels of saving and investment; and iii) competitiveness and productive development. The presentations included short diagnoses of the situation and general policy guidelines based on closer analysis of the interactions between the macroeconomic, microeconomic and institutional spheres.

49. The delegations welcomed the proposals contained in the document, namely, to accelerate growth by increasing national saving and investment and promoting technical progress and its dissemination; to orient public policies towards greater integration between macroeconomic policy and the promotion of saving and investment, productive development and competition; and to integrate these policies with social policy, while assessing performance in all the aforementioned areas and monitoring the impact of policies in terms of both efficiency and social equity.

50. The resulting debate revealed a gradual convergence of views regarding the importance of achieving stable and competitive economies, integrated into the international economy in more and better ways, and relying to a greater extent on market mechanisms and private investment. It was also emphasized that the gradual revival of growth and gains in competitiveness coexisted with a widening of domestic productivity gaps, which robbed growth of momentum, reduced employment opportunities and impeded progress towards social equity. Stress was laid on the need to take into account the problems faced by countries at different stages of development and the diversity of national circumstances in the region.

51. Special attention was given to the issue of ensuring complementarity between domestic and external saving, and to the critical role of macroeconomic policies in reducing financial vulnerability to external factors. In addition, special emphasis was placed on the complementarity between macroeconomic and microeconomic sources of competitiveness.

52. Recapitulating the central theme of the document, the participants in the debate stressed the importance of strengthening the financial system while promoting productive development through improvements in the design and management of public policies and a more systematic evaluation of the effectiveness of such policies.

53. The proposal to move gradually towards achieving growth rates of 6% and investment rates of nearly 25% of GDP was deemed to be demanding, but necessary and possible to achieve. In order to make progress towards such goals without neglecting either social equity or environmental protection, a deeper analysis of the imperfections of public and private institutions was needed, in order to strengthen the link between the quality of public policies and that of institutions.

54. The delegations expressed appreciation for the contributions made by the secretariat and urged it to pursue its efforts along those lines, while paying particular attention to the relatively less developed economies. In that connection, the Caribbean delegations stressed the need for particularly close study of the situations and problems in smaller economies.

55. The depth of the debate was reflected in a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean".

56. On 17 and 18 April, while the technical stage was still in progress, a second part of the session began in which consideration was given to the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, the report of the activities of the Commission since 1994 and the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system for the period 1998-1999.

57. Consideration of the item on reform was based on the note by the secretariat entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC", which had been submitted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission. The debate was marked by clear agreement among the participants, who stressed the continuing relevance of ECLAC and expressed appreciation for its past and current role in stimulating economic and social development in the region. It was reaffirmed that the Commission should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and with providing operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation. Stress was laid on the need for the Commission to increase its effectiveness and efficiency within the framework of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations. This consensus was expressed in a resolution entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC". In that resolution, with a view to achieving the aforementioned goals, it was decided to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, which in consultation with the Executive Secretary was empowered to define priorities within the approved work programme and recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations.

58. The plenary meeting took note with satisfaction of the report of the activities of the Commission since April 1994, and of the programme performance report for the biennium 1994-1995 (which was subject to the limitations imposed by the liquidity crisis faced by the United Nations at the end of 1995). It then approved the programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 1998-1999. It also approved a draft resolution of support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for

Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and another concerning the work of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE).

59. On 17 and 18 April, the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development also met. Its discussions focused on follow-up and review of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, and on the subject of population in the context of changing production patterns with social equity in the region. Following a fruitful exchange of views, in which, inter alia, reference was made to the advisability of setting up mechanisms for exchanging information on progress made in connection with the Regional Plan of Action, the Ad Hoc Committee approved by consensus the draft resolution on the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee submitted the draft resolution to the plenary meeting at the technical level.

60. On Friday 19 April, the Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions also met. During its deliberations, the delegations stressed the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries for strengthening economic and social development in the context of the ECLAC programme of work. At the conclusion of its meeting, the Committee examined and approved a draft resolution on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions.

Ministerial stage

61. The ministerial stage of the session was held on 19 and 20 April and was distinguished by the high rank of the participants: twenty of the member countries of ECLAC were represented by a minister or deputy minister. The ministerial stage was opened by Mr. José María Figueres Olsen, President of Costa Rica, who also honoured the session by presiding over a meeting on the morning of 20 April in which the heads of delegations participated in a frank exchange of views and information on the problems and challenges of development in the region in an informal context without set speeches, an opportunity that was much appreciated.

62. The interchange revealed a broad consensus with respect to the need to persevere in the processes of economic reform and to continue to emphasize basic macroeconomic equilibria. Stress was also placed on the new nature of the external financing available to the countries of the region and the importance of managing it through consistent macroeconomic policies adapted to specific national conditions. It was pointed out that the task involved the challenge of harmonizing fiscal, exchange rate and monetary policies, in an environment of increasing liberalization of markets.

63. In this regard, a number of heads of delegations stressed the importance of increasing national saving and finding ways of supplementing it with external saving. Here, too, close attention had to be paid to national conditions, since economic policy options were heavily dependent on the specific macroeconomic and institutional features of each country. In addition, it was pointed out that while external debt was not among the most urgent items on the regional agenda, it continued to hamper efforts towards development, particularly in the smaller economies.

64. The debate confirmed the relevance of deeper analysis of the interactions of the macroeconomic, microeconomic and institutional dimensions, in line with the central thesis of the document presented by the secretariat, in order to support the readaptation of public policies to domestic and external challenges.

65. Interest was shown in institutional topics, including ways of assessing the effectiveness of public policy tools, in areas as diverse as finance, measures to encourage saving, modernizing the public sector and harmonize social policy and productive development instruments.

66. A number of heads of delegations alluded to the vital contribution that foreign investment was making to their countries' development and stressed the importance of increasing the influx of long-term capital through innovative, attractive and stable channels of investment. Examples mentioned were various forms of privatization, concession, enterprise capitalization and other types of strategic alliances. It was also noted that privatization was contributing significantly to increased efficiency and competitiveness, particularly when accompanied by schemes to promote competition.

67. Other participants underlined the need to combine the aforementioned initiatives with efforts to advance and consolidate the integration processes now under way, in order to strengthen the region's linkages to the global economy.

68. Mr. Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank, said that it was necessary to build on the progress already made by the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean through economic policy measures aimed at promoting growth and raising levels of social equity in the region.

69. Mr. José María Figueres, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, closed the debate by summing up the achievements of the countries of the region in the 1990s and the problems that remained to be solved in order to improve competitiveness, accelerate sustainable growth and distribute the fruits of development more equitably. He concluded by reaffirming that ECLAC had lost none of its importance as a centre for debate and a collaborator in the tasks entailed in meeting present and future challenges.

70. After the meeting, a cooperation was signed between ECLAC and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with President Figueres acting as honourary witness.

71. The final meeting of the ministerial stage was held in the afternoon of 20 April. Statements were made by a number of heads of delegations from both member and associate member countries and by representatives of other Governments and organizations.

72. During this phase of the debate, a number of countries reported on their economic and social situations and noted clear signs of progress in the political, economic and social spheres. The time had come, it was said, for democracy, now more widespread than ever before, to demonstrate its capacity to resolve the problems still outstanding. The economic successes achieved should be accompanied by greater equality of opportunity, social balance and environmental responsibility. Emphasis was placed on the importance of addressing the special circumstances of the smaller economies within the Latin American and Caribbean region and of ensuring that ECLAC accords adequate attention to the experiences, needs and interests of the Caribbean countries. Allusion was made to the complementarity between the economic potential of the countries of the region and the Eastern European economies in transition, an area in which ECLAC could make a major contribution towards strengthening the inter-regional dimension of cooperation.

73. Some speakers praised the Commission for the suggested guidelines it had formulated over the last six years, which had had a decisive influence both within the region and beyond, because they incorporated alternative viewpoints to those adopted in other analyses. It was recognized that a diversity of perspectives was essential to debate. ECLAC was described as an appropriate institution to provide guidance in the process of integration through which the Latin American and Caribbean countries were seeking to respond to the globalization of the world economy.

E. ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

74. During the discussion of the draft resolutions, some countries asked that the following statements be included in the report of the meeting:

75. With respect to item 3 of the agenda, the Peruvian delegation registered its objection to the inclusion of Peru in the list of countries with hyperinflation (table IV.2 of the document "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics"). Beginning in 1990, the problem had gradually been overcome, so that by 1994 inflation had been reduced to only 15%. He felt that the fact should have been mentioned in the document. Consequently, his delegation could not approve the relevant draft resolution without the following changes:

> The first operative paragraph should read as follows: "Takes note of the document prepared by the ECLAC secretariat entitled 'Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics' and considers it a frame of reference for an assessment of the process of economic transformation over the last fifteen years and for developing suggestions for Governments on how to strengthen development;"
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> The thirteenth operative paragraph should read as follows: "Asks the secretariat to revise the document entitled 'Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics' to include a more precise examination of the economic transformations that have taken place in the course of the present decade, with particular reference to the current situation and prospects with respect to stabilization and investment opportunities, so that both the analysis and measures recommended better reflect the actual conditions in the various member countries and the specific challenges that they face, paying special attention to the problems of the region's small and medium-sized economies".

76. The delegation of Ecuador noted that it would have preferred to have the information on geographical distribution of the staff included as an annex to the resolution on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC, and he asked that in the future the Commission make an effort to achieve an equitable geographic distribution among the secretariat staff and the widest possible diversity of nationality among its consultants.

77. The delegations of Brazil and Argentina stated that their approval of the resolutions on support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning and on the Latin American Demographic Centre should not be construed as predetermining the priorities that might arise from the exercise provided for in the resolution on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC.

78. With regard to the resolution on the calendar of conferences of ECLAC, the delegation of Surinam pointed out that the sixteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee woul be held at a later date than originally scheduled; this information is reflected in annex 1 to the sai resolution.

F. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ECLAC AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

79. At its twenty-sixth session, the Commission adopted the resolutions which are reproduced below Unless otherwise specified, the resolutions do not imply additional financial outlays in excess of th resources provided for in the regular ECLAC budget.

552(XXVI) STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 533(XXV), adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session, in which the secretariat is requested to give priority, in its analysis of the readaptation of public policies, to an integrated strategy for promoting competitiveness; to the interrelationship between macroeconomic factors, actions aimed at perfecting markets and microeconomic stimuli in the promotion of competitiveness; and to economic policy instruments that foster growth and macroeconomic stability,

Taking into account and recognizing the political will the Governments of the region have shown in undertaking structural reforms that reorient development on new bases, which, despite significant differences between national situations and stages of development, all have in common fiscal discipline, trade liberalization and financial deregulation, utilization of market mechanisms, greater reliance on private investment and new incentives and regulatory frameworks,

Bearing in mind that all the countries of the region, to one degree or another, have made significant progress in price stabilization and to a lesser extent in economic growth, thanks to these structural reforms and to better macroeconomic management, together with a substantial influx of external capital,

Recognizing at the same time that most of the region's economies have been recording growth rates lower than in the past and unsatisfactory from the dual perspective of technical progress and the need to create jobs, eradicate extreme poverty and reduce social inequalities,

Recognizing further that the structural heterogeneity of the region's productive systems has accentuated, as productivity differences have tended to widen between the large enterprises in the forefront of the modernization process and the large and varied host of firms that are lagging behind,

Concerned about the vulnerability to external factors that often characterizes macroeconomic performance in countries in the region and about the serious consequences for stability, growth and equity of episodes like those that occurred in some countries of the region in 1995,

Recalling the declarations and programmes of action adopted at recent United Nations global conferences on the environment, human rights, population, social development and women,

Taking into consideration the importance of macroeconomic stability and the need for it to be lasting and consistent with policies for promoting saving, investment, technological development and international competitiveness, all of which are essential in order to make maximum use of productive resources and insure their sustained expansion,

1. Welcomes the document prepared by the ECLAC secretariat entitled "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics" and considers it a meaningful frame of reference for an assessment of the process of economic transformation over the last fifteen years and for developing suggestions for Governments on how to strengthen development;

2. Stresses in particular the contribution the document makes to the design of future public policies favourable to development, in that it calls attention to the need to integrate macroeconomic variables, institutions and regulatory frameworks with the functioning of factor markets and microeconomic behaviour;

3. Takes note of the document prepared by the ECLAC secretariat entitled "The economic experience of the last fifteen years. Latin America and the Caribbean, 1980-1995", which provides a summary of the empirical data on which an assessment of the economic transformation process can be based;

4. Affirms that in order to generate sufficient employment, eradicate poverty and improve social equity, it is necessary, inter alia, to accelerate growth, which will require, in addition to macroeconomic stability, drawing closer to the international technological frontier, disseminating technical progress over a wide range of activities, increasing investment in human and physical capital and perfecting factor markets;

5. Points out that the unfavourable social panorama, which makes it difficult to sustain the development process, requires an integrated set of economic and social public policies that promote economic development, social development, and environmental protection;

6. Stresses that achieving rates of saving and investment that will ensure strong, sustained growth will require, in addition to a stable macroeconomic context, an effective financial development policy;

7. Stresses further that, in order to achieve steady increases in productivity, there is a need to complement macroeconomic policy with productive development and human resource training policies directed towards facilitating the promotion, generation and dissemination of technology through a combination of measures designed to foster development and improve domestic systems of innovation, beginning with measures aimed at improving the quality and coverage of mandatory basic education, followed by others directed towards, inter alia, supporting information networks, strengthening mechanisms of business cooperation, protecting intellectual property, promoting research centres and technology extension services, adopting international norms and standards of quality and encouraging vocational training and education;

8. Reaffirms the importance of supporting productive modernization processes in small and medium-sized enterprises by improving their access to financing and technical cooperation, to technological and trade opportunities and to training;

9. Stresses that for productive development it is essential to promote competition by deregulating competitive markets, eliminating artificial barriers to the entry of competitors, and by duly regulating markets dominated by natural monopolies;

10. Calls attention to the flow of private financing into some countries of the region, despite temporary economic fluctuations, and reaffirms the need for policies that are instrumental in directing it towards productive development opportunities;

11. Points out that realizing such opportunities requires not only adopting consistent macroeconomic policies that reduce financial vulnerability to external factors, but also encouraging long-term capital

flows, promoting foreign direct investment, employing innovative methods and learning from the region's experiences with privatization, joint ventures, licensing and capitalization;

12. Recognizes and values the essential contribution of the integration processes currently in progress as effective means of fostering economic and social development and of promoting and improving the region's competitive linkages with the international economy;

13. Asks the secretariat to disseminate the contents of the document entitled "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics" more widely by promoting discussion of its themes in political, business, labour and academic circles and among the general public, in order to encourage the generation of consensus on the task of strengthening sustainable economic development with greater social and gender equity;

14. Urges the secretariat in its further work on the topics listed in the paragraph below to pay particular attention to the special situation and needs of the smaller economies of the region;

15. Further asks the secretariat, within the framework of the work programme, to deepen its analysis of the following topics:

a) The conceptual frameworks that shape development in the region, with special emphasis on the interactions between macroeconomics, institutions and microeconomics;

b) The design of economic policies that minimize macroeconomic instability while maximizing the impetus to investment, saving, technical progress and international competitiveness;

c) The conditions of macroeconomic stability and opportunities for productive development in countries of different sizes or in different stages of development, and the possibilities for cooperation in the development of the smaller economies of the region;

d) Fiscal reforms that will tend to strengthen the structural stability of public finances, increase incentives to saving and investment and improve social equity;

e) An analysis of reforms which, through their impact on the financial environment, will increase national savings and channel them towards productive investment, including reforms of the social security system, prudential and organizational regulation and supervision of the banking system, and reforms aimed at developing and deepening the securities and insurance markets;

f) Intermediation of long-term financing in support of productive development through development banks and other forms of financial deepening, and the promotion of access to adequate financing for all types of firms and investment projects;

g) Analysis and case studies regarding appropriate incentives and policies for promoting innovation and disseminating environmentally sustainable technical progress throughout all segments of the productive system, including the evaluation of promotional instruments;

h) The productive development potential inherent in key natural resources, common technological bases or progressive steps to higher levels on export chains, and the feasibility of undertaking sectoral or regional strategic actions in these areas;

i) The role of infrastructure investment and new modes of private participation in such investment in encouraging real investment and developing regional or sectoral clusters of productive activities;

j) The usefulness of concerted action schemes as institutional mechanisms that encourage coordination between the public and private spheres and between private agents, by reducing coordination costs, improving access to information and facilitating the updating of productive development tools;

k) Investment in human resources through forms of education and training that enhance the process of modernizing production and facilitate the incorporation of all levels of the workforce —both men and women— into the process;

l) Opportunities for intraregional cooperation in the fields of education, science and technology, with special attention to regional experiences in incorporating advanced technology;

m) The impact of structural reforms on the labour market, and the adoption of hiring and insurance practices that promote at one and the same time labour mobility, training and income stability;

n) Assessing the quality of social investment and the efficacy of social policy instruments, with emphasis on their linkages with growth;

o) The links between economic policy, environmental sustainability of growth and social equity;

p) Regional integration agreements in their various forms (free trade agreements, customs unions, common markets and the like) as mechanisms for expanding trade, forming closer productive linkages and achieving economies of scale;

q) The public policy reforms needed effectively to meet the institutional and public administration requirements generated by economic changes, the increasingly complex conditions of international competition and the growing demand for economic and social development that does not exclude and is environmentally sustainable;

r) The impact of the debt burden on the formulation and implementation of sustainable development policies.

553(XXVI) REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON ECLAC

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling Commission resolutions 520(XXIV) and 541(XXV) on the role and functions of ECLAC and the consequences for it of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 48/162 and decision 49/411 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social spheres and other questions relating thereto, and resolution 48/218 and decision 49/461 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the guidelines emanating from the open-ended high-level working group established by General Assembly resolution 49/252 with a mandate to undertake a thorough review of the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the content of the Declaration issued by the States Members and observers of the United Nations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and, in particular, of the proposal for ensuring that the United Nations enters the twenty-first century equipped, financed and structured to serve effectively the peoples in whose name it was established,

Reaffirming its conviction that the activities entrusted to the Commission by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI) retain their full validity in the light of the present circumstances and the foreseeable future of the Latin American and Caribbean countries,

Having before it the note by the secretariat entitled "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC" (LC/G.1899(SES.26/4)), of 22 January 1996,

Convinced that, as a new century dawns, sustainable development should occupy an important place in the agenda of the United Nations,

Convinced further that it is essential for the United Nations, in carrying out activities in the economic and social fields, to take account of the regional dimension and the decentralization of tasks in accordance with the comparative advantages of Headquarters and the subsidiary organs located in the developing regions,

1. Affirms that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106 (VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations;

2. Declares, therefore, that ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination;

3. Declares further that, in order to play a relevant role with greater effectiveness and efficiency, ECLAC will need to adapt to the evolving development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations;

4. Recommends that the institutional structure and pattern of conferences of the ECLAC system, including the practice of holding biennial sessions of the main forum, should continue to serve as the foundation in maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of the Commission;

5. Recommends further that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, taking into account, where appropriate, ongoing processes pertaining to the United Nations as a whole;

6. Instructs the Executive Secretary, therefore, to:

a) Pursue and strengthen the institutional development and management upgrading activities aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the activities which ECLAC carries out in fulfilment of the mandates conferred on it by member States;

b) Improve the indicators for evaluating the activities of the Commission in terms of performance, productivity and impact;

c) Intensify consultation and strengthen cooperation and coordination with other United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, taking special care to avoid duplication of activities;

d) Strengthen existing cooperation and coordination with other multilateral organizations, such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Economic System and other Latin American and Caribbean institutions pursuing similar objectives in the region, again taking care to avoid duplication of activities;

7. Decides to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries, to be headed by the Chairman of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, which group, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, is empowered to define priorities for the work programme and recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities, taking into account the development priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as budgetary considerations. The first meeting of this ad hoc working group will be held within 90 days at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, and any subsequent meetings will be held preferably at either of the subregional headquarters of ECLAC or at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

8. Entrusts the ad hoc working group with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and with transmitting its proposals regarding the priorities for the 1998-1999 work programme through the appropriate channels to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

9. Further entrusts the ad hoc working group with submitting a final report on the review of priorities for the programme of work of ECLAC to the next session of the Commission.

554(XXVI) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 340 (AC.66) of 25 January 1974, which provided that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) should become a permanent institution of the Commission, with its own identity and responsible directly to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC,

Reiterating its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning and to its Presiding Officers for their valuable contribution to the substantive orientation and regular financing of ILPES,

Bearing in mind that at the twenty-fourth session of ECLAC, the Governments of the member States agreed that ILPES should concentrate its activities in the area of strategic State management,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the resolutions emanating from the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning (Mexico City, July 1994) and the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Council (Caracas, August 1995), which emphasize the following:

a) The favourable assessment by the Governments of the member States of the Institute's general performance, as regards both the orientation and formulation of its substantive work plan and the management of its human and financial resources;

b) Support for ILPES activities relating to strategic State management and modernization in the work areas identified at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission, namely public-sector programming, regional policies and planning, decentralization and local development, and investment projects and programming;

c) The satisfaction of the Governments of the member States at the results of the Institute's new training strategy, based on a flexible system of recurrent international courses of medium length, concentrated in its areas of specialization, and on equivalent national courses offered in response to specific requests;

d) Support for the Institute's activities in the areas of technical cooperation, exchanges of experience, applied research for teaching purposes, and dissemination;

e) The usefulness of continuing to examine the question of State reform and modernization, especially in connection with the decision-making process in the public sphere, taking into account the views of government, business, labour and the academic community;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the member States of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of government financing, which makes it possible to fund a large portion of the Institute's staff and activities;

3. Declares its satisfaction at the admission of Spain to full membership of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers;

4. Thanks the Governments of Italy, France and Spain for their financial and technical support for the Institute's activities;

5. Expresses its satisfaction at the support provided by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC for ILPES activities;

6. Supports the establishment of REDILPES, a mechanism which facilitates a steady exchange of information between ILPES and its graduates and former students and persons interested in the Institute's activities;

7. Endorses with satisfaction the invitation of the Government of Brazil to hold the eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning in that country.

555(XXVI) LATIN AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Mindful of the conclusions and recommendations of recent intergovernmental meetings, in particular the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, 1993) and the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), which stressed the need to approach population problems as an integral part of strategies and policies for economic and social development,

Mindful also of the recent approval of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, adopted as a draft plan of action at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC and subsequently enriched, with the support of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) in the capacity of secretariat, by incorporation of the results of the International Conference in Cairo,

Considering that the Plan accords priority to the regional and subregional activities on population that are required in order to improve and facilitate implementation of the measures that each country plans to apply,

Considering also that the objective of the work programme of ECLAC in the area of population is to assist Latin American and Caribbean countries in gathering information on their demographic situation, formulating and evaluating development policies and programmes and exchanging information in the field of population, all of which tasks have been assigned to the Latin American Demographic Centre under the ECLAC system,

Considering further that CELADE studies stress the importance of population dynamics and components in a strategy of development designed to improve the well-being of the entire population while preserving environmental sustainability and eliminating inequalities in living conditions between different ethnic and social groups, between geographic regions and between men and women,

1. Notes with satisfaction the treatment given to the subject of population in the report of the activities of ECLAC since April 1994, especially in connection with its role as secretariat in the process of incorporating the new elements into the Draft Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, and also in the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system for the biennium 1998-1999;

2. Expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Governments of Canada, France and the Netherlands for their contributions to the financing of the Latin American Regional Population Programme of CELADE;

3. Also expresses appreciation to the international organizations that support CELADE in the execution of other projects, in particular the United Nations Population Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank;

4. Reiterates the need for continued support, to be charged to the regular ECLAC budget, for the Commission's present activities in the field of population;

5. Asks the countries members of ECLAC to consider increasing their contributions to financing the activities of the population work programme, bearing in mind the successive reductions in extrabudgetary contributions that CELADE has experienced in recent years;

6. Also asks the international agencies to increase their support for those activities.

556(XXVI) LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development (Mexico City, 29 April-4 May 1993) unanimously adopted the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development, which set forth the common position of the countries of the region concerning the issues of population and development, and agreed also to promote the drafting of a Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development,

Emphasizing the importance of the active participation of the countries in the process that led to the adoption of the Draft Regional Plan of Action at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC (Cartagena, Colombia, April 1994), in accordance with ECLAC resolution 536(XXV),

Considering that, following the incorporation of the results of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), this Draft was adopted as the Regional Plan of Action, with the broad participation of the States members and associate members of ECLAC,

Aware that the process of seeking financing for the activities envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action is complex, but that significant progress has none the less been made,

Recalling that, in accordance with resolution 536(XXV), it was decided to establish an ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, which would be responsible for follow-up and review of the Plan of Action,

Considering that the Committee mentioned in the foregoing paragraph held its first meetings on 17 and 18 April 1996 in San José, Costa Rica, and discussed the topics agreed upon in the Regional Plan of Action, including follow-up and review of the activities envisaged therein,

Emphasizing the need to redouble efforts to obtain the financial resources needed for the implementation of the activities in the Plan,

Recognizing the essential role performed in Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to population and development activities by the non-governmental organizations —especially the women's organizations— involved in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994), the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995), and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), and the follow-up to those conferences,

Recalling that regional and subregional activities should be carried out in close cooperation with international organizations and competent United Nations organs, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, and with non-governmental organizations specializing in population and development,

Recognizing the relevance of the note by the secretariat prepared by the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) for the meetings of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the activities carried out, with the support of the secretariat, by the Presiding Officers of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) on population, which led to the adoption of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development;

2. Acknowledges with appreciation the initiatives taken by the Presiding Officers and the secretariat to obtain financing for the activities envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat for laying the groundwork for the first meeting of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and, in particular, for the preparation of the working and reference documents;

4. Agrees that each country should designate an institution to serve as a liaison for the follow-up of the Regional Plan of Action in order to facilitate communication between member countries and with the ECLAC secretariat;

5. Decides that at its next meeting the Ad Hoc Committee will consider the issue of reproductive health and poverty and instructs the secretariat to prepare the substantive documentation required;

6. Requests the secretariat to take steps to procure extrabudgetary financing for the activities envisaged in the Plan of Action and, depending upon the results of its efforts, to update the programme of activities periodically and to disseminate the relevant information in a special bulletin;

7. Instructs the secretariat to prepare a biennial report on the activities undertaken, to be presented at the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee, which will be held during ECLAC sessions;

8. Requests the Presiding Officers of the sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, in close contact with the secretariat, to take charge of follow-up of the Plan of Action between ECLAC sessions, and to collaborate in the efforts to obtain the funds necessary for its implementation;

9. Urges the international community and the States members of ECLAC to increase their financing of activities related to population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly those envisaged in the Regional Plan of Action.

557(XXVI) CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1996-1998

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC on rationalization of the institutional structure and pattern of meetings of the ECLAC system, in which it was determined that the Commission should consider at each of its regular sessions the complete calendar of conferences and meetings scheduled up to the next regular session,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the intergovernmental structure and functions of ECLAC, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure be maintained,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of ECLAC establishing and governing the frequency of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the calendar of intergovernmental conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998 proposed in annex 5 of document LC/G.1903(SES.26/8),

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the various subprogrammes of work and regional programmes of action adopted by the States members at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission,

Recalling the primary responsibility of national governments for implementing the declarations and programmes of action of the global conferences of the United Nations,

1. Approves the calendar of conferences of ECLAC, as it appears in the annex to this resolution, with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission;

2. Affirms that the current conference servicing system of ECLAC, whereby the Executive Secretary is responsible for both substantive and organizational aspects, has proved its efficiency and cost-effectiveness, and recommends that these tasks remain the responsibility of the Executive Secretary;

3. Reaffirms the importance of continuing to give ECLAC responsibility for organizing and holding regional preparatory meetings for global conferences of the United Nations in the economic and social fields;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the pertinent bodies of the United Nations such proposals as may be necessary to enable the calendar of conferences thus approved to be carried out;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex

CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES OF ECLAC FOR THE PERIOD 1996-1998

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of financing
1996	Sixteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	Antigua and Barbuda b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 537(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twenty-sixth session of ECLAC	San José, Costa Rica 15-20 April	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19); 537(XXV) and 551(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Twentieth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ 4 days First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX); 489(PLEN.19) and 537(XXV)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	Kingston, Jamaica Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Eighteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	Brasilia, Brazil 25-26 November	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	ECLAC regular budget
1996	Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas	Santiago, Chile 14-18 October	Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters signed by OAS and ECLAC	ECLAC/OAS regular budgets
1996	Regional meeting in follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 535(XXV) and Copenhagen Declaration	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-first session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Seventh Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ b/	The Conference was established as a permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC under a decision taken at the eleventh extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole (E/CEPAL/AC.71.4)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Twenty-first session of the ECLAC Committee of the Whole	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of financing
1997	Seventeenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Tenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 340(AC.66) and 371(XVII)	ILPES budget
1997	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ April	ECLAC resolution 9 (IV)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Fifth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1997	Nineteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 351(XVI)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	a/ First half of the year	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-seventh session of ECLAC	Aruba b/	ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ 3 days First half of the year	Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Eleventh Regional Council for Planning (ILPES)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 340(AC.66)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Eighteenth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	a/ b/	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	ECLAC regular budget
1988	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	a/ June	ECLAC resolution 9(IV)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas	Santiago, Chile Second half of the year	Agreement on Cooperation in Statistical Matters signed by OAS and ECLAC	ECLAC/ OAS regular budgets
1998	Sixth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean	a/ Second half of the year	ECLAC resolution 545(XXV) and Cartagena Declaration (2 December 1993)	ECLAC regular budget
1998	Regional meeting in follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	a/ b/	ECLAC resolution 535(XXV) and Copenhagen Declaration	ECLAC regular budget

a/ Place to be decided.
b/ Date to be decided.

558(XXVI) REGIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE WOMEN OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 1995-2001

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking into account the resolution adopted by the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean at its sixth session, recommending the adoption of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/203 of 22 December 1995, in which the Assembly endorses the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women and recommends their implementation,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/59, in which the Council requests the Secretary-General to initiate the formulation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, and the recommendation made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fortieth session that the Economic and Social Council should adopt the revised draft plan, taking into account the comments of the Commission on that plan contained in the annex to the relevant resolution,

1. Adopts the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECLAC to give maximum support to regional activities in implementation of the Programme;

3. Urges the implementation of the Regional Programme of Action in close coordination with the rest of the United Nations system, as a complement to the Beijing Platform for Action and the medium-term plan for the period 1996-2001 to be adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its next session;

4. Requests the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean and its Presiding Officers to carry out a periodic review and evaluation of the implementation of the 1977 Regional Plan of Action, in accordance with paragraph 88 of that Plan, and of the Regional Programme of Action for 1995-2001.

559(XXVI) PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC) FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system, and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 38/32E and decision 1984/101 of the Economic and Social Council regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Having been informed of the contents of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 which the secretariat prepared for consideration at United Nations Headquarters in New York,

Having considered the draft programme of work for the different areas of activity of the ECLAC system for the period 1998-1999, which also covers the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE),

Taking full account of the views expressed and the adjustments to the programme proposed by representatives of the Governments of member States, in addition to the changes agreed upon in the debate, which will be set out in the final report of the twenty-sixth session, and the changes deriving from the resolutions adopted at that session,

1. Approves the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system,[1] including ILPES and CELADE, for the period 1998-1999, which, with the adjustments provided for in the resolutions adopted at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, especially the resolution on strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, will be the legislative basis of the Commission for the execution of the programmes and projects and the issuance of the recurrent publications included in it;

2. Decides that the ad hoc open-ended working group to be established by virtue of the resolution on reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC should be entrusted with the task of setting priorities for the draft programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999;

3. Takes note that the allocation of resources necessary for carrying out the activities described in the programme of work will require the prior approval of the relevant bodies of the United Nations;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant bodies of the United Nations such proposals as may be necessary for the programme of work thus approved to be carried out;

5. Asks the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC on progress in implementing this resolution.

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[1] Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1998-1999 (LC/G.1901(SES.26/6)).

560(XXVI) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in Buenos Aires in September 1978, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Taking into account the decisions adopted at the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which met from 30 May to 2 June 1995 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and in particular decision 9/2 on new directions for technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 547(XXV) on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions,

1. Takes note of the report on the activities of the ECLAC system in support of such cooperation contained in the note by the secretariat entitled "Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1994-1995" (LC/G.1906(SES.26/11)), which was considered by the Commission at its current session;

2. Reaffirms the importance of technical cooperation among the countries of the region in achieving the objectives of economic and social development, and especially the exchange of countries' experiences in the design and implementation of specific policies to strengthen development by linking the micro- and macroeconomic levels and to meet the requirements of changing production patterns with social equity;

3. Stresses the need for closer links between technical cooperation and economic cooperation among developing countries in order to make them dynamic instruments capable of consolidating the progress made in the region with regard to changing production patterns and social equity;

4. Emphasizes the importance of the support which ECLAC provides for the activities of the Governments of the region aimed at increasing the use of the mechanisms and modalities of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) at the subregional, regional and interregional levels;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the relevant mandates, to:

a) Intensify activities to support and promote technical cooperation among developing countries while implementing of the work programme of the Commission, and especially while executing technical cooperation projects in priority areas for the countries of the region;

b) Continue to strengthen the links between the ECLAC system and national focal points for technical cooperation among developing countries and regions, through the creation of a data bank on national supply and demand of technical cooperation, in the context of the projects carried out by ECLAC, and through the dissemination of information on activities carried out under the aforementioned projects, in order to promote cooperation among the countries of the region in priority sectors, and to support such focal points in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by connection to global information networks;

c) Continue to provide assistance to activities in support of existing cooperation networks and systems in the region, and to create and strengthen systems for data collection and analysis, especially in those economic and social sectors which Governments consider to be of priority importance for their development objectives;

d) Cooperate with the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme in its work of strengthening technical cooperation among developing countries, in the framework of the new directions adopted by the High-level Committee at its ninth session;

e) Support the activities sponsored by the Special Unit, with the aim of fostering effective technical cooperation among developing countries in order to promote small and medium-sized enterprises, with the participation of the private sector and of other sectors as determined by the countries;

f) Intensify activities aimed at incorporating forms of technical cooperation among developing countries into the various areas of the work programme of the secretariat, especially in the preparation and execution of TCDC projects financed with extrabudgetary funds received from bilateral or multilateral donors, and broaden the dissemination of such activities among national focal points;

g) Continue to provide support, wherever possible, to the mechanisms for coordination among bodies and organizations engaged in TCDC projects, with a view to facilitating inter-agency coordination in the execution of such projects;

h) Continue to cooperate with the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) in organizing joint activities with the national focal points for TCDC, in accordance with their respective mandates, especially activities relating to the annual meetings of national directors of international technical cooperation;

i) Intensify joint activities within the framework of mechanisms for consultation with the secretariats of the other regional commissions to promote technical and economic cooperation among countries in the various developing regions, in coordination with the competent organizations of the United Nations system.

561(XXVI) ADMISSION OF ANGUILLA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLAC

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering the desirability of strengthening the economic, social and cultural relations among the peoples of the Caribbean and of Latin America,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) (1948) setting out the terms of reference of the Commission, and particularly paragraph 3 (a) on the admission of associate members,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/58 (28 July 1995) in which, inter alia, regional organizations are requested, within the framework of their respective mandates, to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, and administering powers concerned are requested to facilitate the participation of appointed and elected representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations, so that the Territories may benefit from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations System,

Taking into account that the Government of the United Kingdom has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Anguilla's request to be admitted as an associate member of the Commission,

1. Welcomes the application by the Government of the United Kingdom for Anguilla to become an associate member of ECLAC;

2. Decides to admit Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC and welcomes its participation in the work of the Commission.

562(XXVI) PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Aruba to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Commission in its territory,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Aruba for its generous offer;

2. Accepts the invitation with pleasure;

3. Recommends to the United Nations Economic and Social Council that it approve the holding of the twenty-seventh session in Aruba, in 1998.

Annex 1

REPORT OF THE ECLAC SESSIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development met on 17 and 18 April with the following officers:

Chairman: Mexico
Vice-Chairmen: Bolivia
Grenada
Netherlands
Rapporteur: Costa Rica

After adopting the provisional agenda without changes, the Committee heard the report of the Chairman of the Presiding Officers of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) on population concerning the steps which had led to the adoption of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, with particular reference to the process of enriching the draft plan through incorporation of the results of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994).

The Director of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) presented the note by the secretariat entitled "Report on the follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development" (LC/G.1905(SES.26/10)) and called attention to the considerations on population in relation to changing production patterns with social equity. The delegations expressed their satisfaction with the working document prepared by the secretariat and reported on recent experiences in their own countries in the area of population and development, with particular emphasis on such aspects as gender equity and poverty.

Consideration of the agenda item on follow-up and review of the Regional Plan of Action was opened by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), who reported on the priorities and activities of her organization with respect to the Cairo Programme of Action. The General Coordinator of the Latin American Programme of Population Activities then gave a presentation on the links between academic research and the formulation and implementation of population policies.

The delegations heard reports from representatives of CELADE and from the Director of ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean on activities carried out under the Regional Plan of Action. They also heard a report from the secretariat on progress in obtaining extrabudgetary financing to carry out the actions called for in the Regional Plan of Action and in particular on the negotiations in progress with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

After a fruitful exchange of opinion between delegations, including a discussion of the usefulness of setting up mechanisms for exchanging information on progress with regard to the Regional Plan of Action, the Committee adopted by consensus a draft resolution to be presented for consideration by the plenary meeting in the technical stage.

Annex 2

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Committee on Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions met on Friday, 19 April 1996, during the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC, as provided for in the programme. At the start of its meeting, the Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman:	Jamaica
Vice-Chairmen:	Ecuador Peru
Rapporteur:	Guatemala

After adopting the meeting agenda, the Committee considered the work done by ECLAC in the area of cooperation among developing countries and regions.

The secretariat introduced a working paper entitled "Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the period 1994-1995" (LC/G.1906(SES.26/11)). The delegations took note of the aforementioned report of activities and asked for clarification and additional information on some points, which were provided by the secretariat.

The Committee then discussed the guidelines for future activities of ECLAC in the area of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC). In their statements on the item, the participating delegations stressed the importance of certain guiding criteria, such as: i) gradually increasing coordination between ECLAC and other regional organizations, such as SELA; ii) strengthening ties with national TCDC focal points; iii) according particular attention to mechanisms and systems for disseminating information on ECLAC projects and activities in support of TCDC; iv) enhancing the special contribution ECLAC can make to strengthening TCDC at the interregional level, in consultation with other regional commissions of the United Nations System.

The delegations also emphasized the importance of TCDC in stimulating and consolidating the economic and social development of the region within the context of the ECLAC programme of work. They underscored the importance of the new guidelines adopted by the States Members of the United Nations at the ninth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in May 1995, and the positive contribution those guidelines would make to further improving the work of ECLAC in that area.

Several delegations also reported on their countries' experiences with TCDC and supplied valuable information about the way in which their countries handled technical cooperation at the national level with reference to both supply and demand.

At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee examined and adopted the draft resolution on technical cooperation among developing countries and regions, sponsored by the delegations of Jamaica and Ecuador.

Annex 3

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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A. WORKING DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTOS DE TRABAJO

LC/G.1896(SES.26/1)/Rev.2	- Temario provisional - Provisional agenda - Ordre du jour provisoire
LC/G.1897(SES.26/2)/Rev.2	- Temario provisional anotado y organización del vigésimo sexto período de sesiones - Annotated provisional agenda and organization of the twenty-sixth session - Annotations de l'ordre du jour provisoire et organisation de la vingt-sixième session
LC/G.1898(SES.26/3)	- Fortalecer el desarrollo. Interacciones entre macro y microeconomía - Strengthening development. The interplay of macro and microeconomics - Consolider le développement. Les interactions entre la macro-économie et la micro-économie
LC/G.1899(SES.26/4)	- La reforma de las Naciones Unidas y su incidencia en la CEPAL. Nota de la Secretaría - Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC. Note by the secretariat - La réforme de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et son incidence sur la CEPALC. Note du secrétariat
LC/G.1900(SES.26/5)	- Informe de actividades de la Comisión desde abril de 1994 - Report of the activities of the Commission since April 1994

LC/G.1901(SES.26/6)	- Proyecto de programa de trabajo del sistema de la CEPAL, 1998-1999 - Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 1998-1999 - Projet de programme de travail du système de la CEPALC, 1998-1999
LC/G.1902(SES.26/7)/Rev.1	- Informe sobre la ejecución de programas de la CEPAL durante el bienio 1994-1995. Nota de la Secretaría - Programme performance report of ECLAC during the biennium 1994-1995. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.1903(SES.26/8)	- Calendario de conferencias de la CEPAL propuesto para el período 1996-1998. Nota de la Secretaría - Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998. Note by the secretariat. - Calendrier de conférences de la CEPALC proposé pour le période 1996-1998. Note du secrétariat
LC/G.1904(SES.26/9)	- Algunas resoluciones y decisiones recientes emanadas de órganos de las Naciones Unidas que se ponen en conocimiento de la Comisión. Nota de la Secretaría - Some recent resolutions and decisions adopted by United Nations organs which require to be brought to the attention of the Commission. Note by the secretariat - Résolutions et décisions récemment adoptées par divers organismes des Nations Unies et portées à la connaissance de la Commission. Note du secrétariat
LC/G.1905(SES.26/10)	- Informe de seguimiento del Plan de Acción Regional Latinoamericano y del Caribe sobre Población y Desarrollo. Nota de la Secretaría - Report on the follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Plan of Action on Population and Development. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.1906(SES.26/11)	- Actividades del sistema de la CEPAL para promover y apoyar la cooperación técnica entre países y regiones en desarrollo durante el bienio 1994-1995. Nota de la Secretaría - Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support technical cooperation among developing countries and regions during the biennium 1994-1995. Note by the secretariat
LC/G.1907(SES.26/12)/Rev.1	- Documentos presentados al vigésimo sexto período de sesiones de la Comisión/Documents presented at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission

LC/G.1923(SES.26/13)	- Temario provisional, Comité de Cooperación Técnica entre *Países y Regiones en Desarrollo* - Provisional agenda, Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions
LC/G.1924(SES.26/14)	- Temario provisional anotado, Comité de Cooperación Técnica entre Países y Regiones en Desarrollo - Annotated provisional agenda, Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Regions
LC/G.1921(SES.26/15)	- Temario provisional, Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo del período de sesiones de la CEPAL - Provisional agenda, ECLAC sessional ad hoc Committee on Population and Development
LC/G.1922(SES.26/16)	- Temario provisional anotado, Comité Especial sobre Población y Desarrollo del período de sesiones de la CEPAL - Annotated provisional agenda, ECLAC sessional ad hoc Committee on Population and Development
LC/G.1925(SES.26/17)	- Quince años de desempeño económico. América Latina y el Caribe, 1980-1995 - The economic experience of the last fifteen years. Latin America and the Caribbean, 1980-1995
(Ne contient que l'Avant-propos)	- Quinze ans d'expérience économique. L'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes, 1980-1995
LC/G.1918(SES.26/18)	- Admisión de Anguila como miembro asociado de la Comisión. Nota de la Secretaría - Admission of Anguilla as an associate member of the Commission. Note by the secretariat - Admission d'Anguilla en qualité de membre associé de la Commission. Note du secrétariat

B. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTOS DE REFERENCIA

LC/G.1601-P Libro de la CEPAL Nº 25	- Transformación productiva con equidad. La tarea prioritaria del desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe en los años noventa - Changing production patterns with social equity. The prime task of Latin American and Caribbean development in the 1990s
LC/G.1648/Rev.2-P Libro de la CEPAL Nº 31	- El desarrollo sustentable: transformación productiva, equidad y medio ambiente - Sustainable development: changing production patterns, social equity and the environment

LC/G.1701/Rev.1-P Libro de la CEPAL Nº 32	- Equidad y transformación productiva: un enfoque integrado - Social equity and changing production patterns: an integrated approach
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